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US studying ways to destroy missile site

Iran constructing new bunker for Silkworms

WASHINGTON, July 1, (UPI): Iran is about to finish an underground site for firing Silkworm missiles on ships entering the Gulf, and a US warship with advanced weaponry is countering the increased threat, a US commanding general says.

Marine Gen. George Crist, commander of US Middle East forces, said yesterday that Iran is expected to complete construction of the Silkworm bunker by late summer or early fall. The site would make it easier for Iran to attack shipping at the Strait of Hormuz, which leads into the Gulf, he said.

Crist said the bunker in the Iranian coastal town of Kuhes-tak "changes the entire equation" for shipping in the vital oil sea lanes of the Gulf.

Military officials are devising a strategy for destroying the site,

which would include the use of highly accurate "Smart" bombs, he said. Aircraft from nearby US carriers would provide the necessary firepower to destroy the launch sites.

Detect

Pentagon sources early last year said the Iranians were constructing a launching facility for their Chinese-built Silkworm missiles. Crist said the site near Kuhes-tak, on a bluff at the southern end of the strait, would allow Iran to close down shipping through the waterway.

"This site, with a 57-mile-range (92-km) missile, will cover the entire Strait of Hormuz," Crist told reporters. "It will allow Iran to have the missile ready to be fired within five minutes."

Iran has had the Silkworm anti-ship missiles for nearly two

years and has periodically moved the weapons up and down the shores of the strait.

Because the new permanent facility would be underground, it would be more difficult for ships to detect launch preparations, Crist said. The site could accommodate four missiles and would be harder to destroy than the open platforms now along the strait's shores.

Cruiser

In addition, Crist said there are reports that China may ship Iran another anti-ship missile, the C-801. He described the weapon as a Chinese version of the French Exocet, which Argentine aircraft used in the 1982 Falklands war to sink a British fighting ship. Such a missile could be used from small Iranian gunboats.

To offset the Silkworm threat, Crist said the Navy has placed an Aegis missile cruiser within range of the launching facility. The cruiser, equipped with highly advanced radar and missiles for tracking and shooting down Silkworms, would be ordered to fire against any Silkworm launched, he said.

In the past, the Navy had placed the battleship Iowa in the strait to destroy any Silkworms the Iranians might deploy.

Crist said the number of Iranian attacks on commercial shipping in the Gulf has dropped since an April battle with US warships and the ensuing implementation of US policy aiding neutral vessels.

He said the five or six attacks against commercial ships since the April fighting have occurred 60 to 80 miles from US warships.

"They've attacked where they know damn well we don't patrol.... They've been most circumspect, most careful not to

antagonize us," he said. US warships and planes sank two Iranian ships on April 18 and damaged four more in retaliation for the mining of the US frigate Samuel B. Roberts.

Protection

Shortly afterward, President Reagan said US warships could aid nearby, innocent vessels requesting help if they were not carrying arms for one of the belligerents in the eight-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

In London an influential House of Commons committee yesterday criticised the United States for extending naval protection to neutral shipping in the Gulf without consulting other Western countries which operate patrols.

The all-party Foreign Affairs committee said Britain should demand to be consulted in the future.

Stray bullet holes Kuwaiti envoy's car

CAIRO, July 1, (Reuters): A bullet fired in the air by a wedging revolver booted the roof of Kuwaiti Ambassador Abdul Aziz Mohammad Al Shamlan's car.

Kuwait embassy staff and Iranian officials firmly denied suggestions that a gunman had shot at the car.

Al Shamlan parked his car in Cairo's Mokabessin area on Wednesday evening and returned yesterday to find a hole in the roof, the Interior Ministry said.

Police found a bullet which they said was apparently fired by a guest at a wedding two km (a mile) away, sources said.

Shooting in the air is a common way of celebrating in Arab countries and several people are hit by stray shots in Egypt every year.

Death penalty

DHAKA, July 1, (Reuters): The Bangladeshi government introduced a bill in parliament on Thursday seeking to impose the death penalty for selling women.

Prime Minister Maudud Ahmed, who proposed the bill, said such crimes had reached an alarming proportion and could be checked only if the criminals were severely punished.

Aziz said he had made these



People run in panic moments after a car full of explosives blew up in West Beirut. (Reuters photo)

Iraq admits using chemical weapons in retaliation

BONN, July 1, (Reuters): Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz admitted today that his country had used chemical weapons in the Gulf war, but only in retaliation against Iran which he said had used them first.

"I am a frank man. I can say that such weapons were used in the conflict. The Iranians started the use. The Iranians were the invaders of Iraq," Aziz told a news conference at the end of a visit to West Germany.

Diplomats said it was the first time Iraq had admitted publicly that it had used chemical weapons in the seven-year-old war. Iran has consistently accused its enemy of using them.

"You cannot say I am going to respect all these conventions and give the liberty to the other side not to respect them and to choose this course or that at its own convenience," he said.

The Iraqi minister said Iran had ignored conventions governing the treatment of prisoners of war and the International Committee of the Red Cross had confirmed that 7,000 Iraqis registered as prisoners in Iran had disappeared.

Responsible

Repeatedly pressed to repeat his statement, Aziz said: "Sometimes such weapons were used in the bloody war. By both sides."

"We believe that every nation has a right to protect itself from invasion. The means might be controversial — there are differences to this matter from different angles," Aziz continued.

Shrapnel

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The explosion started a fire which rapidly spread, gutting three buildings and damaging dozens of shops.

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Police had no immediate details of the Bir Elias blast. They said it was not close to any Syrian offices but was in an area held by Syrian troops.

Car bombs kill one, injure 52 in Lebanon

BEIRUT, July 1, (Agencies): Two car bomb explosions within an hour injured at least 52 people in Syrian-controlled areas of Lebanon today, police reported.

The first blast killed one person and wounded at least 32 people near Syrian intelligence headquarters in West Beirut.

Police said a green Renault car loaded with about 45 kilos (100 pounds) of explosives blew up at midday 100 metres from the Syrian office and a mosque in the Hamra commercial district.

A police spokesman could not immediately confirm a state radio report that the man who was killed in the blast was the driver of the automobile.

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Group planning riots during haj arrested

MANAMA, July 1, (AP): Members of an underground fundamentalist group recently arrested in Egypt were plotting to travel to Saudi Arabia and help create disturbances during the annual Muslim pilgrimage, according to a report published here today.

Bahrain's Arab-language newspaper Akhbar Al Khaleej, quoted Egyptian investigators as saying that Iranian intelligence officers had recruited the group as well as others in Britain, Pakistan, Bangladesh, India and Afghanistan. The groups were expected to work together.

Twenty members of the Egyptian-based group were to smuggle arms and explosives to Saudi Arabia, as well as organise demonstrations and distribute hostile leaflets calling for "internationalisation of the two holy shrines," the Cairo-based report said.

French uranium for Tehran

PARIS, July 1, (KUNA): Processed uranium for the Iranian nuclear plants could be supplied by France, "Le Nouvel Observateur," weekly magazine said today.

It hinted that the supply of processed uranium was part of the "price" paid by the French government for the release of the last three French hostages in Lebanon, on the eve of the second round of the presidential elections last March.

13 Koreans killed in raid on Iranian gas plant

Iraq deals twin blows

BAGHDAD, July 1, (Agencies): Iraq reported twin blows against Iraq by setting the biggest gas plant in southern Iran ablaze and retaking the Kurdish garrison town of Mawat in northeast Iraq.

At least 13 Korean workers were killed and 37 wounded, 14 seriously, in an Iraqi bombing raid on the Kangan natural gas refining plant under construction in Iran, South Korean officials said today.

Gulf-based diplomats said Iranian workers also were killed and wounded in the raid yesterday morning, but could not immediately provide specific numbers.

The Iraqi News Agency said Iraqi bomber squadrons made the 930-mile (1,500-km) round trip over the Gulf to "bravely and skilfully" penetrate Iranian air defences and attack what Baghdad described as the region's largest natural gas plant, 500 miles (800 km) south of Tehran.

In Seoul, South Korean Foreign Minister Choi Kwang-Soo expressed shock over the attack and said, "as soon as full details of the incident are available, our government will take necessary diplomatic steps."

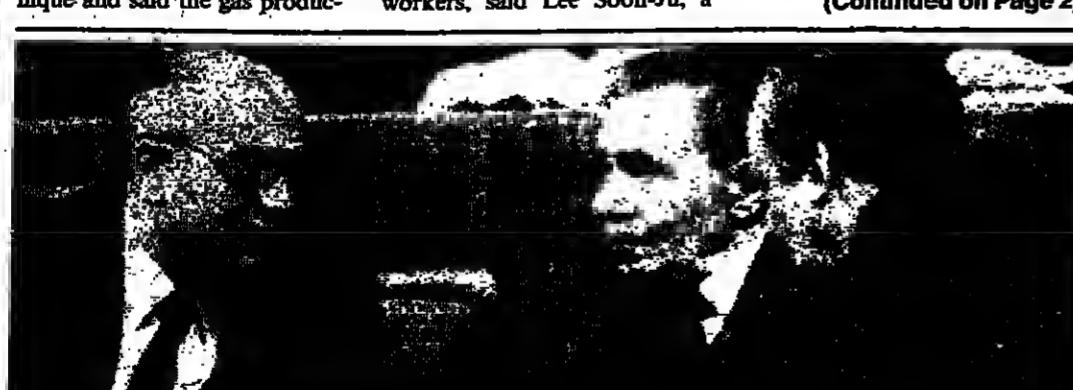
Project

"Although the construction site is located in one of the two countries at war, it is regrettable that such a surprise attack was staged without any advance warning and giving no time for our workers to leave the place," Choi said in a statement.

Iraqi officials said they had "brought back all the Korean workers although the project has not yet been completed."

Daelim had 952 men at the construction site including 381 South Koreans and 551 local workers, said Lee Soon-Ju, a

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Soviet leader Gorbachev (left) speaks with President Gromyko and Prime Minister Ryzhkov (right) during the Communist Party congress in Moscow. (Reuters photo)

Soviet Communist Party conference

Delegate denounces Gromyko as unworthy of office

MOSCOW, July 1, (Agencies): "Glasnost" took a new step forward when a delegate to the Soviet Communist Party conference denounced President Andrei Gromyko as unworthy of office and was greeted with applause.

Thursday's remark by Vladimir Melnikov, who also indicted Gromyko's politburo colleague Mikhail Solomentsev, was in direct response to a smiling request from Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev that he

name names.

Melnikov, the party leader of the Komi autonomous republic in northern Russia, had declared to loud applause that people who served in the "period of stagnation" — the rule of the late Kremlin leader Leonid Brezhnev — should serve no longer.

"I would aim this at comrade Solomentsev first of all, at comrades Gromyko, Afanasyev, Arhatov and others," he said, looking straight out at the packed conference hall.

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Behind him, Gromyko froze in his seat and Gorbachev stopped smiling. Solomentsev was not visible on television, which broadcast the incident in full on the main evening news.

The other two men — Pravda editor-in-chief Viktor Afanasyev and Georgy Arbatov of the USA and Canada Institute — were presumably seated in the hall with the 5,000 delegates.

Television cameras panned

Hold polls or face US aid cuts, Zia told

WASHINGTON, July 1, (AP): A congressional panel has signalled to Pakistan that US foreign aid payments may be jeopardised unless President Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq quickly calls new elections for a National Assembly.

Zia dissolved the assembly a month ago and has not announced when new elections will be held. That move, together with continuing problems with drug trafficking through Pakistan and evidence that it is developing nuclear weapons, are leading some lawmakers to take a second look at US aid.

Objections

The House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Asia subcommittee, on a voice vote, approved a non-binding resolution calling on Zia to schedule elections in accordance with his country's constitution. It also said that Congress will consider Pakistan's progress toward "full-fledged democracy" when setting future aid levels.

The move came over the objections of the administration of President Reagan. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Howard Schaffer called the action premature, saying Zia has 90 days under his constitution to schedule new elections.

US denies meeting with Iranian officials

WASHINGTON, July 1, (Reuters): The United States denied

Subcommittee chairman Stephen Solarz noted that once before when Zia had promised elections, eight years went by before the balloting actually occurred.

"I strongly doubt that the people of Pakistan will be prepared to wait eight years this time, or that my colleagues in the Congress will continue to vote for the hundreds of millions of dollars in US aid we currently provide Pakistan if the promise of Pakistani democracy is once again betrayed," Solarz said.

Asked if the United States had any comment on the report, State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said: "Yes, I do. Nonsense."

She also said there was no truth to allegations that the United States was secretly assisting Iran in its war against Iraq.

Congress long has been concerned about Pakistani behaviour, including its apparent development of a nuclear bomb and feeble efforts to halt the flow of drugs. But those issues have been overshadowed by US interest in providing aid to the rebels fighting Soviet troops inside neighbouring Afghanistan, for which Zia has been the primary conduit.

Ash Shiraa, which broke the Iran-Iraq scandal by revealing the sale of US arms to Iran, quoted unidentifiable Arab sources for its report.

It said Iran's Parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani also sought a dialogue with the United States and Europe as part of a political strategy aimed against Iraq.

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Ahmadi: 41°C 111°F
Fallaka: 39°C 102°F
Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 28 per cent
Ahmadi: 35 per cent
Fallaka: 37 per cent

US offers \$500,000 for killers of naval attache

WASHINGTON, July 1, (AP): The United States offered a reward of up to \$500,000 yesterday for information leading to the arrest and punishment of the killers of Navy Capt. William Nordeen, the US Naval attache in Athens, Greece.

State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said it was the largest sum offered since a 1984 law authorized rewards to catch terrorists.

"Information received will be handled confidentially and the identities of the informants will be protected," Mrs Oakley said. "The amount of the reward will be determined by the value of the information received."

A Greek organization called

November 17 has claimed responsibility for planting a bomb that killed Nordeen as he drove to work Tuesday. In an article published in a Greek newspaper, the group said it would attack more Americans until the US military presence in Greece ends.

The State Department offered rewards of up to \$250,000 in the case of the bombing of a Trans World Airlines plane over Greece in 1986, the hijacking of a TWA flight on which Navy diver Robert Stethem was murdered in 1985, the hijacking of a Kuwaiti plane on which two employees of the US Agency for International Development were killed and in the seizure of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro.

Five previous terrorist attacks against Americans have generated reward offers, but no claimants have ever come forward, Mrs Oakley said.

"Offering rewards is a well-established practical tool for aiding in the investigation of

56 bodies recovered from Turkish village

ANKARA, July 1, (Reuters): Searchers have recovered 56 bodies from a Turkish Black Sea village entombed for a week under half-million tonnes of mud and rock, the semi-official Anatolian news agency reported yesterday.

Search operations at Catak village, hit on June 23 by the worst landslide in modern Turkish history, have been slowed because of fears of fresh slides from an adjacent mountain.

The bodies were found in a crushed restaurant, near a 60-metre section of highway where more people are believed buried under 10 metres of mud and rock. Catak is on a road linking the Black Sea port of Trabzon, 30 km to the north, with the eastern city of Erzurum.

Algeria delays plans to renew ties with Egypt

ALGIERS, July 1, (Reuters): Algeria, disturbed by Egyptian reluctance to express clearer support for the Palestinian uprising, has shelved plans to restore full diplomatic relations with Cairo, according to diplomatic sources.

The decision has drawn an angry response from Cairo which accuses Algeria of trying to set conditions on a resumption of ties and has recalled its diplomatic representative in Algiers.

Algeria is one of four Arab countries which has no formal diplomatic relations with Egypt because of Cairo's separate 1979 Camp David peace treaty with Israel. The others are Syria, Libya and Lebanon.

"I think the opportunity has been missed. I do not think it will happen for a while now," one source told Reuters this week.

An announcement of renewed ties had been expected shortly before or just after Algeria hosted a special Arab summit on June 7 to rally support for the Palestinian uprising in Israeli-occupied Arab lands.

Algeria launched a diplomatic offensive to ensure maximum participation at what was the

best-attended summit for over a decade.

The Arab leaders called for an independent Palestinian state and reaffirmed the central role of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in any Middle East process.

Algiers declined to resume relations before the meeting because Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's presence would have driven Syria and Libya away.

"You gain one and you lose two. What good is that?" an Algerian source said, but he stressed Algeria saw bilateral relations and Arab League re-admission as separate issues.

Change
Algeria maintains close relations with Libya and the two countries agreed on Tuesday to hold a referendum next September on a form of union in another move likely to displease Cairo. Tripoli maintains Egypt is under US hegemony.

After the summit, Algeria hoped for a gesture of support from Cairo for its conclusion or an indication of concern over Israeli strong-arm tactics in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

More than 200 people, mainly young Palestinians, have died since the intifada — the Arabic name given to the uprising — began six months ago.

Diplomatic sources said there was no question of trying to persuade Cairo to change its overall policy with regard to Israel.

They said Algeria had had contacts with Egypt ever since relations were formally severed and saw nothing to be gained in merely re-opening embassies.

The affair has left a bitter taste. On Tuesday, Cairo recalled the head of its interests section in Algiers for consultation after strong press criticism of Algeria's anti-Egyptian policies.

A government-owned newspaper, Akhbar El-Yom weekly, accused Algeria on June 11 of leading a campaign against re-admitting Egypt into the Arab League and described Algerian President Chadli Benjedid's policies as "strange".

Benjedid has sought to defuse the dispute.

"Everyone knows we have no particular problem with our sister country," Chadli said in an interview with the Lebanese magazine Al Hawadeth published on Sunday.

Reagans recall the lies told on first date

LONDON, July 1, (AP): Ronald and Nancy Reagan recall the white lies they told each other on their first date, and daughter Maureen remembers her surprise when a friend told her she found Reagan sexy.

These are a few of the tidbits of Reagan lore that British television viewers will be treated to on next Friday, when the first of a three-part series on the life of Reagan is aired.

The film, previewed for journalists yesterday, is filled with conflicting assessments of Reagan.

Changed
To US Secretary of State George Shultz, "he's a revolutionary and he's changed the agenda (in) the most sweeping presidency in this country probably since Franklin Roosevelt."

Former US Budget Director David Stockman calls Reagan's economic policies "the singular greatest episode of sustained economic mismanagement in the 20th-century history of the United States."

But Mrs Reagan says of her husband: "I think he made people feel good about themselves, good about the country. We now have a strong economy, unemployment is down, interest rates are down...."

Traces
Of his wife, Reagan said: "She doesn't go down and get involved in affairs like disarmament or anything else. She advises me of what she thinks is good for me, and I feel free to confide in her the things that she's a help just by my knowing that she's up there when I go to meet her at the end of the day."

Mrs Reagan recalls their first date when, mutually wary, they both said they had "early morning calls" so that they could leave early if they didn't like each other.

They got home at 2:30 am she says, adding, "I think that at that time both of us knew that neither of us had an early morning call."

Maureen Reagan says a friend who saw Reagan doing a TV ad dressed as a cowboy exclaimed to her that "he's so sexy."

"I said, 'my father sexy? You must be kidding.' No no, he's wonderful." And he is wonderful.

Tigers to surrender
COLOMBO, July 1, (Reuters): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has told Sri Lanka that the island's biggest Tamil guerrilla group is ready to lay down its arms, a Sri Lankan government statement said on Thursday. It also said the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) had indicated they were ready to accept last year's pact between India and Sri Lanka aimed at ending a Tamil separatist revolt.

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The newspaper also cited sources who said Moscow may have delayed visas for an Israeli congressional delegation because of the uprising.

An Arab woman died today, six weeks after Israeli troops under attack by rock-throwing West Bank villagers opened fire and shot her in the head, Palestinian sources and hospital officials said.

Fatima Yousef Sabawi, 24, died in East Jerusalem's Mokassed Hospital from the bullet wound she received May 18 during the clash between soldiers and Palestinians in Abweini village near Ramallah. A Palestinian teenager was shot and killed and nine others wounded in the incident.

US policy towards Gulf war unchanged

US President Reagan has sent a message to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein affirming that the US has not changed its policy towards the Arab Gulf region or Iraq-Iran war, according to a Kuwaiti daily.

Quoting well-informed American diplomatic sources, the daily said that Reagan's message to Saddam was sent to end the tension prevailing over American-Iraqi relations.

Relations between the two countries were strained when Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz cancelled his meeting with US Secretary of State George Shultz in New York earlier this month due to US State Department's reception of Kurdish leader Jalal Al Taibani, an opponent to the Iraqi regime.

The American administration sent Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy to Aziz in New York to explain State Department's attitude.

According to the sources, the meeting in New York between Aziz and Murphy was very heated.

After his meeting with the Iraqi foreign minister, Murphy asked senior officials in the US administration to explain to the Iraqi leadership the reason for receiving the Kurdish leader.

Following which Reagan sent the message to Saddam.

There is no doubt that we have to bring in all our resources to the war fronts and this will only be achieved through collective co-operation and co-ordinated activities," the Iranian news agency IRNA quoted Mousavi as telling Parliament.

Iranian President Ali Khamenei, saying Iranian leaders were not tired of war, vowed today that Iran would strike back for recent Iraqi victories.

Also today, minesweepers belonging to US allies Britain, Belgium and the Netherlands teamed up in the first mine-sweeping operation of its kind in the strategic waterway, US military officials said.

Delegate denounces...

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over the hall of the Kremlin Palace of Congresses as delegates applauded, but with noticeably less enthusiasm than earlier.

Within the hour, a note was presented to the Presidium of the Conference which defended Gromyko as a man who had served his country well in high office and deserved respect.

Yeltsin
Boris Yeltsin, who was ousted as Moscow Communist Party boss last fall, appealed today to the delegates for his political rehabilitation, Tass said.

In another startling departure from the past, writer and editor Grigory Baklanov denounced Afghanistan in 1979 as "a machinery of democracy."

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NATO beset by major problems

By Richard Balmforth

BRUSSELS, (Reuter): West Germany's Manfred Woerner took over as NATO secretary-general on Friday with the task of piloting the Atlantic alliance through some of the toughest decisions in its 39-year history.

The former defence minister assumes stewardship of the alliance as it strives to come to terms with an innovative Kremlin leader whose initiatives have raised the prospect of real East-West change but also thrown down major challenges to NATO policy.

"After the disarray we saw last year, his main task will be to manage NATO solidarity," a North Atlantic Treaty Organisation diplomat said, referring to past disunity over arms control.

Woerner, 53, a former Air Force reserve pilot with a passion for military affairs, held the top defence job in Bonn for six years. He clinched the NATO post with US support.

NATO officials say his deep knowledge of East-West security matters clearly gives him a head start as chief executive of the 16-nation defence alliance.

Endorsed

Britain's Lord Carrington, the outgoing secretary-general stepping down after four years, has warmly endorsed his choice.

But some diplomats feel Woerner's profile as a defence hawk may be out of tune at a time of apparent East-West reconciliation.

"This is probably not the ideal moment for a defence specialist to head the alliance," said one official who did not wish to be named.

"He is a good man with lots of experience behind him in dealing with security matters in positions of leadership," said Peter Corterier, the West German secretary-general of the North Atlantic Assembly that groups NATO parliamentarians.

"He will have to show he can handle the diplomatic side of the job as well. But he has the intelligence and competence to be able to do that," Corterier told Reuters.

Woerner, the seventh secretary-general and the first West German to hold the post, takes over with NATO poised to make crucial choices in nuclear and conventional arms policy.

Settlement for Kampuchea

ASEAN comes of age

By Jeremy Clift

JAKARTA, (Reuter): Attempts to hammer out a political settlement for Kampuchea and to put forward regional initiatives to stem the flow of refugees from Vietnam will be key issues for South-East Asian leaders at separate conferences in July.

The conferences mark the coming of age of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), which groups the non-communist states of the region.

"ASEAN is suddenly starting to look good," said one South-East Asian diplomat. "The jigsaw is finally falling into place on Kampuchea and the economies of ASEAN present a startling contrast to the moribund socialism of Vietnam, Kampuchea and Burma."

The countries of ASEAN — Indonesia, Thailand, Brunei, Singapore, Malaysia and the Philippines — see Vietnam's economic difficulties as one of the levers to secure a settlement of the nine-year-old Kampuchean conflict.

Problem

"After the solution of the Kampuchean problem, we would be willing to help you in economic development," Thai Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila told his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Co Thach during talks in Bangkok in mid-June.

Vietnam's reformist Communist leadership on June 22 named 71-year-old Do Muoi as prime minister to head government efforts to get the economy back on its feet and tackle chronic food shortages, financial chaos and rampant inflation.

Thailand, in contrast, is in an economic boom, with average annual growth of seven per cent projected by some economists to continue into the early 1990s. Most of the other economies of

Coaxing member governments to spend more on defence is a duty that goes with the job — but one that will come naturally to Woerner who lobbied hard for greater defence spending in Bonn.

He will also have to help defuse tensions over US charges that the European allies are not doing enough for their own defence and help shape allied reaction to President Ronald Reagan's successor.

But one of the hottest files Woerner will take over is that on arms control where his own country has often been out of step with the allies.

The alliance is drawing up an overall concept setting out arms control priorities to avoid a repeat of last year's embarrassing disarray over the medium-range nuclear missile question.

With US medium-range missiles to be eliminated from Europe in the next three years, the allies must decide on reshuffling their remaining nuclear weapons and modernising short-range systems below the 500-km (300-mile) range limit set by the superpower treaty.

The modernisation issue has brought West Germany into conflict with the United States and Britain, with Bonn seeking to postpone any modernisation decision because of strong anti-nuclear feeling among its public.

Pressure

The United States and Britain are resisting German pressure for talks to reduce short-range nuclear weapons because they fear they would generate unstoppable momentum towards the Soviet goal of a nuclear-free Europe.

"Woerner will have been trying to put lot of distance between himself and Bonn on nuclear policy in the past few months," said one official.

Equally vital for NATO is the need to find a mandate for future negotiations with the Warsaw Pact on conventional forces in Europe to wipe out what it sees as the Soviet bloc's huge advantage in tanks, artillery and aircraft.

Here again Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev seems to have thrown the allies off balance by advancing at his Moscow talks with Regan new proposals for cutting East-West troop levels in Europe.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev points his finger during a lively exchange at the CPSU extraordinary conference in Moscow on Wednesday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Without river's blessings, US Indians predict disaster

By Ted Bartimus

FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION, North Dakota, (AP):

The white men who took land and water from the Indians promised their treaties would last "as long as the grass grows and the water flows."

This year, no grass grows and no water flows on the Fort Berthold Indian reservation in the nation's north-central region.

But the summer's devastating heat and lack of rain has special bitterness for the almost 4,000 members of the three affiliated tribes who live on the reservation. They feel long-broken promises by the government helped destroy a way of life that might have allowed them to weather the drought.

Danks' five sons, like half the tribe's members, have had to find jobs elsewhere. Each tried ranching. Past droughts and unrelenting debt doomed them. They are now scattered around the country doing construction work.

Danks is descended from generations of farmers. Hidatasa, Arikaras and Mandans were riverbottom Agrarians when explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, the first many white men who wanted something, showed up seeking food in the 1800s.

Well-off

"We were well-off by the standards of people trying to survive off agriculture," recalled Jim Danks, 61, an Indian rancher. "We had irrigated community gardens, meadowlands planted in hay and clover and flooded by spring runoff which we used to feed our cattle, and we mined coal and harvested timber off the riverbanks to stay warm in the winter."

"We sold vegetables and our homemade jellies and wild fruit to white settlers who came down to the river from the upper lands, so the only things we bought were flour, sugar and baking powder."

"Those were just dry years for the tribes, not devastation, because of the resources we had

from the river. Now, living without its blessings, we are facing devastation if it doesn't rain pretty quick."

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Danks' five sons, like half the tribe's members, have had to find jobs elsewhere. Each tried ranching. Past droughts and unrelenting debt doomed them. They are now scattered around the country doing construction work.

Danks is descended from generations of farmers. Hidatasa, Arikaras and Mandans were riverbottom Agrarians when explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, the first many white men who wanted something, showed up seeking food in the 1800s.

Broken promises

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Nearly 150 years later, the federal government ordered the tribes to move to high ground and abandon their traditional life. Congress forced them out to create Lake Sakakawea behind the giant Garrison dam, after World War II to tame the Missouri. The government said it needed to drown the Indians' bottomlands to halt spring flood downstream, create a navigable channel through middle America and generate power.

As the dam's gates closed and the waters rose, the Indians reluctantly moved to the hills in exchange for promises of a vast irrigation system, first crack at the new reservoir's water, cheap electricity, a hospital and two bridges across the river to keep the tribe united.

Today, despite attempts by the sons and daughters of dead chiefs to force lawmakers to honour

Gorbachev ushers in a new era

By John-Thor Dahlburg

MOSCOW, (AP): In proposing a Western-style president and US-style legislature, Mikhail S. Gorbachev has set a new course for Soviet political reform that leaves many questions unanswered about his own future and that of the Communist Party.

Gorbachev, the party's general-secretary, unveiled the Soviet leadership's blueprint for an overhaul of many of the country's political institutions in a 3 1/2 hour televised speech Tuesday to the opening session of a nationwide party conference.

The Soviet people "want full-blooded and unconditional democracy. They want a rule of law without reservations," he said.

But this programme, which in some respects appeared contradictory, left uncertain how power would be divided between the 20-million member party and Soviet government institutions, from the village to the pinnacle of power in Moscow.

Control

The Soviet leader's numerous suggestions seem designed to ensure that the Communist Party retains overall control of government, while getting out of day-to-day government affairs, such as running the economy or administration.

Gorbachev's proposals were submitted for discussion to the party's 5,000-delegate national

conference, its first in 47 years, which reconvened in the Kremlin's Palace of Congresses on Wednesday and could remain in session through the week.

The Soviet leader said political reforms are necessary to prevent a repeat of the abuses of power that mar much of the nation's past. The changes are the latest in a series of proposals Gorbachev has made in his 3-year-old drive for "perestroika," or economic and social change.

Although he welcomed more open expression, Gorbachev stressed the Communist Party would not tolerate attempts to form rival political parties, saying the party leadership considers such attempts "abuses of democratization" that run counter to the tasks of perestroika, run counter to the people's interests."

Delineation

The Soviet leader said he was striving for a clearer delineation of powers between the local governing councils, known in Russian as "Sovets", and party organizations, which have often wielded the real economic and administrative power.

But Gorbachev said it would increase the prestige of the local governing councils if they were headed by the local party first secretaries.

Gorbachev implied that if the secretaries are not chosen to head their Soviets in secret-ballot elections, they could lose their party

posts for failing to garner popular support.

At least one conference delegate, however, disagreed with Gorbachev. Economist Leonid Abalkin, a prominent proponent of reform, said having local party chief's chair governing councils "will hardly fit into the concept of defining the functions of party and government bodies."

Instituting such a practice would also not give voters a choice, since there is only one party first secretary in a given locale, Abalkin told the party conference after Gorbachev had spoken. There was an outburst of applause after Abalkin's remarks, which were broadcast on the evening news programme "Vremya."

Except for Gorbachev's opening speech, which was televised in the evening, the proceedings are being conducted behind closed doors, and only the state-run media are permitted to cover them.

Power

At the summit of legislative power, Gorbachev has proposed creating a new 2,250-member congress of deputies that would elect a president and choose from among its members a full-time bicameral legislature of 400 to 450 members, about the size of the US House of Representatives.

The president would exercise many of the functions of a Western-style head of state, heading

the defence council, conducting foreign policy and appointing the head of the Soviet government.

The titular head of state is Andrei A. Gromyko, who serves as chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the nation's top executive body. His functions are largely ceremonial.

It remains unclear what would become of the post of party general-secretary, the key leadership post now held by Gorbachev. Unless he were to become president as well, Gorbachev, for instance, would have to give up the post of defence council chief, which now goes to the most powerful man in the Kremlin.

It would be unprecedented in the 70 years of Soviet history for a leader to willingly relinquish power, and Gorbachev's suggestion for creating a new presidential post immediately sparked speculation in Moscow that he would be the man to fill it.

However, Gorbachev did not address that in his speech, and politburo member Alexander N. Yakovlev, appearing at a news conference, declined to say whether the 57-year-old party chief would be elected to the new executive post by the proposed congress of deputies.

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US presidential campaign

By John Dilllin

HOLLYWOOD, (US): It was presidential politics — Hollywood style. Two hundred glitterati, including several famous faces, gathered the one night at the Palace nightclub to cheer their favourite candidate, Jesse Jackson.

Actor Martin Sheen, calling the Rev. Jackson a man who always tells the truth, led the audience in rousing reception for the Democrat.

Musician Kris Kristofferson, another Jackson enthusiast, sang a song he composed especially for the campaign. Willie Nelson joined in the lyrics.

Actor Dennis Weaver, who admires Jackson's "love ethic," stepped forward with several

others to donate \$1,000 to the campaign.

Yet on all sides here, one hears the same story: something is missing this year. Hollywood loves a star, especially a superstar, but it's still searching in vain for a leading man in election '88.

Michael Dukakis hasn't done it. He's too Republican for this hotbed of Democratic liberalism.

So Hollywood, which once swooned over John F. Kennedy and raved about Gary Hart, finds the 1988 presidential campaign a slightly depressing "make a summer with no good movies."

Dead

"It's pretty dead here," says Daniel Sladek, director of motion picture development for Spectator Films. Sladek, who is one of the founders of a Hollywood political group, Young Artists United, says that when former Senator Hart was still in the race, people were ready to raise money, organize, and work hard.

Hart was a Westerner, with his cowboy boots, his laid-back style, and his fast-track friends in the movie community. Hollywood liked that.

But as for Governor Dukakis: "There's no chemistry there," Sladek says. "He's a very strong East Coaster. They are a very different breed, and that's confusing to Californians."

Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr. of Delaware also excited Hollywood for a while — until he got caught cribbing the speech of a British politician. Although he was from the East, Biden's young-at-heart approach to politics neutralized other concerns about him, Sladek says.

Unhappiness about the current candidates isn't universal, of course. Besides Sheen, Kristofferson, Weavers, and Nelson, Jackson can boast of

Something is missing this year

support from Margot Kidder, Roberta Flack, Bill Cosby, Natalie Cole, and Jackson Browne.

In an interview, Sheen told the Monitor that he has worked for Jackson's election to the White House since 1984. He speaks glowingly of Jackson:

Warning

"His whole life has been addressed to the issues of peace and social justice and economic violence in our country. And drugs — that's nothing new in Jesse's campaign. He's making us aware of where we've been headed with the drug culture four years ago."

Dukakis also has his fans here — Sally Field, Cher, Dyanne Savalas, Donovan Leitch, Richard Gere, Woody Allen, Leonard Nimoy, and Meryl Streep.

George Bush, on the GOP side, can boast of Merv Griffin, Gene Attry, Lynda Carter, Mary Ann Mobley, Frank Sinatra, and movie mogul Jerry Weintraub.

But by and large, there is no rush to any candidate among the mass of Hollywood's elite, even those who are deep into politics.

Patrick Lippert, executive director of The Network, says, "With Hart and Biden, there were a number of longstanding relationships between the candidates and the entertainment community. Those relationships don't exist with Dukakis. So it will take time." The Network is a political group put together by Ms. Fonda, the actress, and her husband, California assemblyman Tom Hayden.

Merv Field, a California pol, says Hollywood's lack-luster mood about presidential election mirrors what is going on with voters all over the state.

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EVENTS

SUNDAY
 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 *Heathcliff*: an animated feature for children about the adventures of a cat named Heathcliff.
 6.30 3-2-1... Contact: a documentary on various means of communications — old and new.
 7.00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Islamic philosophy by Arafat Al Ashi.
 7.30 *Valerie*: comedy about a single parent and her efforts to keep the home fire burning.
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 *The Flying Doctors*: "A Lost Generation." A young girl claiming her grandmother's property tries to prove her identity.
 9.30 *My Two Dads*: two men claim custody of a 12-year-old boy after his mother dies.
 10.00 *Best Seller*: "A Perfect Spy." New best-seller about a couple, the husband is a fraud and the wife insane, and their son, kept in the custody of an uncle.
 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

MONDAY
 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 *Guitar*: cartoons
 6.30 *The Craft of the Potter*: "Hand Building." A look at pottery.
 7.00 *Roving Report*: weekly

TV CORNER

This week on KTV 2

roundup of world news and regional events.
 7.30 *The Duck Factory*: new series for young viewers about a cartoonist who faces difficulties in Hollywood.
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 *Miami Vice*: "Lombard." The vice squad is back with fast cars, fast action and swashbuckling detectives.
 9.30 *Private Benjamin*: the tale of a rebellious woman who creates trouble at a camp.
 10.00 *The Child Broker*: McCullough is called in to stop child smugglers.
 11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Miami Vice, Mondays, 8.40 pm.



Daniel Hugh Kelly, Henry Jones, Juliette Lewis, Jason Horst and Elizabeth Pena in 'I Married Dora,' Thursday's comedy at 9.30 pm.

TUESDAY
 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 *Rubik*: start of new cartoon series
 6.30 *Checky*: a 12-year-old child shows supernatural powers, amazing his parents.
 7.00 *The Australian Ark*: "A Land of Birds." A look at bird life in Australia.
 8.00 News in English
 8.30 *You and the Law*: local programme
 8.50 *Magnum*: "Missing Melody." The cool, handsome private eye, Magnum, is back to solve the case of a missing girl. Starring: Tom Selleck.

9.30 *Les Faucheurs de Marguerites*: French series. Edward and Jolly, two school friends, go to Germany to see a hand-gliding event.

10.00 *Perfect Strangers*: "The Break-in." Comedy with two Greeks settled in the US. Tonight, they plan to break into a newspaper office to get back some documents.

10.30 *Black and White Movie Night*: "Man in a Cocked Hat" (1959 British). (British title: "Cartoon-Browne of the F.O.") Screwball farce about Island of Gallardia, a British protectorate forgotten for 50 years, who rediscovered, humbling Terry-Thomas of the Foreign Office is left in charge. Starring: Terry-Thomas, Peter Sellers, Luciana Paluzzi, John Le Mesurier. Duration: 88 minutes.

12.08 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

WEDNESDAY
 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 *Inspector Gadget*: cartoons
 6.30 *The Kids of Degrassi Street*: this series revolves around a Chin-

ese family who move to a new neighbourhood.

7.00 *Computers in Control*: a look at computer systems and their role in modern society.

7.30 *Growing Pains*: "Confidentially Yours." Maggie is offered a job by a prestigious publishing house; Jason learns the secret behind the magnanimous offer.

8.00 News in English

8.40 *O'Hara*: "Frannie." O'Hara takes over the task of finding out who is behind the sudden attack on a man at an airport.

9.30 *Edge of Life*: "A New Start." This episode examines how doctors handle pre-mature births at the Maternity Hospital in Cambridge.

10.00 *Sledge Hammer*: "Dressed to Kill." Sledge is assigned to a pretty TV anchorwoman...and hammers his way to the truth.

10.30 *L.A. Law*: the much acclaimed series about the working of an L.A. law firm; the personal and professional triumphs of lawyers.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

THURSDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 *Bionic Six*: cartoons
 6.30 *Sesame Street*: an educational series for young viewers

7.30 *Full House*: "Our Very First Show." After a wife walks out on her

husband, he gets the job of taking care of three young children.

8.00 *News in English*

8.40 *High Mountain Ranges*: thriller about three men who escape from prison and their adventures.

9.30 *I Married Dora*: comedy about an American family and their maid, Dora Calderon. Dora has real problems: she is an illegal alien and about to be deported, so Peter Farrel gallantly marries her. But is it a marriage of convenience or a real one? Starring: Daniel Hugh Kelly, Henry Jones, Juliette Lewis, Jason Horst and Elizabeth Pena.

10.00 *Hit Squad*: candid camera and practical jokes.

10.30 *Late Night Movie*: "Take Your Best Shot" (1982 T.V.M.). Struggling actor juggles a failing marriage and flagging career in this comedy. Starring: Robert Urich, Meredith Baxter-Birney. Duration: 100 minutes.

12.20 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY

2.00 Holy Quran
 2.10 Cartoons
 2.30 Sports Studio

6.00 *Foo Fur*: cartoons
 6.30 *The Bay City Rollers*: show: songs, music and sketches are featured in this variety show.

7.00 *Wall Disney Films*: "Two-and-a-Half Dads." "Three men, all unemployed, take turns in baby-sitting.

8.00 *News in English*

8.30 *Summer '88*

8.50 *Beauty and the Beast*: "Temptation." The public prosecutor is misled by a pretty lawyer; Catherine steps in at the right moment to see that justice is done.

9.40 *227*: "Washington Alfaire." Sandra invites a senator for dinner...Comedy.

10.00 *Guinness Book of World Records*

10.30 *Wiseguy*: "Dirty Little Wars." Vinnie survives an attempt on his life...but he has to work with the CIA to foil an coup attempt on a Caribbean Island.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY

10.15 *Al Saif Al Maskoof*: children's serial, starring Abdul Aziz Al Haddad, Ahmad Hazzeem, Al Al Mufeed, Awatif Mohammad.

6.00 *Bundu Wa Bumda*: part 6, children's serial, featuring Abdul Rahman Abu Zahra, Lisa.

8.30 *Folklore*: focuses on Arab and Kuwaiti folklore.

10.45 *Hikayat Min Al Badiyah*: "Al Hunuf." Starring: Miyad Awad, Antoniette Najeeb, Ashraf Abaza.

7.30 *A Seminar on Islamic Philosophy*: "The Rights of Man."

8.25 *Kif Al Fanoor*: focus on arts in the Arab world, directed by Samir Sharidan.

10.45 *Naseeb* ep. 6, weekly Arabic serial, featuring Mohammad Jaber, Maryam Saleh, Abdullah Al Jahil, Ismael.

2.20 *Al Mawazzanah*: Arabic play, starring Hiba Mohammad, Bahjat Al Jahbouri.

4.15 *The Saint*: Roger Moore plays debonair detective Simon Templar.

THURSDAY

12.15 *International Circus*.

1.50 *Kawazir Al Mumtazat*: featuring Yahya Fakhro, Sabirio, Hala Fund.

2.20 *Al Mawazzanah*: Arabic play, starring Hiba Mohammad, Bahjat Al Jahbouri.

4.15 *The Saint*: Roger Moore plays debonair detective Simon Templar.

WEDNESDAY

11.15 *Ablaikha Musra*: local

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.18 am
 Zahr 11.52

Asr 3.26 pm
 Maghreb 6.52

Isha 8.23

NIGHT CHEMIST

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 Mubarak Al Kabir St.

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 Ribah Complex, Tunis St.

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 Al Nahda Pharmacy

Baghdad St.

Fahaaheel and Ahmed

Al Badiyah Pharmacy

Dabbous St., Fheeh

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Mustawfa St.

Jahra

Al Khalid Pharmacy

New Market

Hunt Room offers a la carte.

Tarhouchie on the Roof offers a variety of Lebanese cuisine in Al Hambra Night Club on Sundays; live entertainment by the World Machine Band.

At the Meridian

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays; the buffet features grilled specialities. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arab and Continental cuisine.

The Darbar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

At the Meridian

Al Fingan Tea Lounge features a selection of coffee, tea and juice. Live entertainment in the evenings is provided. Versailles is open daily for lunch and dinner featuring Continental cuisine.

Business lunch with three choices daily also offered. Live entertainment in the evening.

At the Sharq

Nightly dine in the Hunt Room and with live music by the Trio Paradise. For lunch

SPORTS

PBAK Officers Meeting

The PBAK will hold the officers meeting on Saturday, 7.30 pm, at Pultima Hotel. They will discuss the forthcoming PBAK inter-commercial bowling league and formation of Philippine team and other activities. For details contact Sarah Macarabang, director, Tel: 4843447, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 am, 3717346 pm or Augustin 5746754 after 6 pm.

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran

9.15 Good Morning

9.30 Space Adventure: cartoon serial

10.15 *Shams Al Khareef*: Arabic serial, featuring Tawfiq Abdul Hamid, Zizi Badawi.

11.15 *Ghadab Tabda Al Hayat*: Arabic serial, starring Suad Abdullah, Hayat Al Fahad, Ghadab, Ghadab Al Saleh.

12.15 *Al Ba'i Al Matbakh*: a programme on Arabic cooking

1.00 News Summary

1.05 World News via Satellite

2.00 Songs and Music

2.35 *Wamrat Al Ayyam*: Arabic serial, featuring Juliet Awad, Rubi Al Saifi.

3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoons

4.20 *Hiyat Al Ayyam Al Aseebab*: Starring Khalil Shawki, Yusuf Al Aani, Suad Abdullah.

7.00 *Noor Al Islam*: prepared and presented by Ahmed Sharqawi.

8.15 *Souk Al Ghaz*: daily Arabic serial

9.00 News in Arabic

10.00 *Naar wa Dugqan*: daily Arabic serial, starring Kamal Shinaawi, Shireen, Mustafa Fahmi, Ahmad Badr.

10.50 *Al Liqa Al Thani*: weekly Arabic serial, starring Bosi, Mahmoud Yassin, Mohammad Khairi.

11.30 *Survival*: "A Sea Change." A look at offshore reefs.

7.30 *Al*: "Take a Look at Me Now." A nosy



Don't Give Up The Ship 'tonight's Duck Tale, 6.10 pm, KTV 2. neighbour discovers Alf.

8.00 News in English

8.40 *Simon and Simon*: A man bent on taking revenge pursues Christie, a friend of the Simon Brothers.

9.30 *Beyond 2000*: a documentary on the new technology and scientific advances.

IT is 25 years since the Rolling Stones released their first single, 'Come On.' A bluesy, commercial group which could make the charts in a small way," ventured the Record Mirror with faint enthusiasm and startling lack of prescience.

The thought that the Rolling Stones have achieved what we must assume may be only their first quarter of a century's success provokes a small start. Can they really be that old; can we?

The group that once made a vocation of affronting moral propriety and good taste — public urinators and prodigious drug abusers — now seeks to uphold them.

Recently draped the veil of rebellion over bourgeois furnishings — country homes, tax shelters, nannies and private education — has always been one of rock music's more artful conceits.

And the Stones have gone the way of all surviving 'enfants terribles' and become institutions, the manner of their decline into middle age of interest principally as a barometer for the generation who came of age on their music.

In appearance, the Stones have not aged with dignity; they have become simply gaunter versions of their earlier selves, their sartorial decrepitude

Rolling Stones gather no moss

intact.

The group has always comprised two distinct parts. There are Mick Jagger and Keith Richards on one side; and there are the rest, courtiers, waiting in the wings.

To the rest has fallen the bigger problem of usefully filling their time. The imperturbable Charlie Watts has added to his collection of antique silver and American civil war memorabilia, and returned to his first love, playing drums with a variety of small jazz ensembles.

Bill Wyman, the group's archivist and a member of the Royal Horticultural Society, has turned the scandal of an under-page girlfriend into the credentials of a loveable, superannuated lad-about-town.

Ronnie Wood... it is hard to know what Ronnie Wood has been doing, and harder to care: a Rolling Stone for a mere 13 years, to the purists he has always seemed a usurper to a role filled with greater elegance by Mick Taylor, and tragedy by Brian Jones.

In the beginning there were

Jagger, Richards and Jones. The group was occasioned by a chance meeting on a south London train between Jagger, the son of a physical education teacher and LSE student, and Richards, the council-estate rebel; it was brought to completion by Jones, the Cheltenham grammar school boy who had worn football boots in the classroom and swigged brown ale during milk-breaks.

To Jones, in fact, fell the notional leadership of the group. Dandified, precociously talented and self-destructive, he would ultimately become deluded and horrific through drugs and fame.

By the time of his death in 1969, drowned in the swimming pool of his Sussex home, control of the Stones was firmly in the hands of Jagger and Richards.

In Jagger, pop music found its most enduring 'bête noir' and icon, his demeanour of spoilt truculence much imitated, but never surpassed.

With his contortionist's face, his adeptness at presenting any manner or accent which will profit him, Jagger has always

been the most adroit manipulator of the press and his image, intimating everything, revealing nothing.

The only constant is a shrewd and parsimonious business brain.

By contrast, Richards, "the world's most elegantly wasted human being", has always displayed the whisky conviviality of an Edwardian actor-manager, if not his protégées.

He is a generous-natured man, but partial to knives and Nazi regalia, whose love of drugs, perpetuated by a miraculous constitution, made him a serious role model in an age of hedonistic excess.

Thrilling

In the 1980s, when rock musicians present both a cleaner and more acceptable face to their public, it is difficult to convey the aura of imperious 'hauteur' which surrounded the Rolling Stones at their height. Self-styled aristocrats, courted by real ones, their tour were caravans of debauchery and excess.

They were, unquestionably,

the greatest rock and roll band in the world, thrilling to behold even as they became bloated by scandal and hubris, as the catalogue of drug-busts grew, and with the list of casualties — abandoned wives and girlfriends, dead courtiers and hangers-on.

The bond between Jagger and Richards turned progressively to estrangement in the 1970s. While Jagger married well (and divorced expensively) and rose further in society, Richards descended into the squallid stupor of heroin addiction.

It was said he underwent periodic blood changes in Switzerland and, on one American tour, was transported from a hotel bed in one city to a hotel bed in another without waking up.

Richards has been "clean" for some years, yet the breach has never properly healed. It is many years since the Rolling Stones were anything but notionally a "group"; their tours seemingly born of habit, their records to bonour contractual obligations.

Their music, so expressive of

the delirious pursuit of liberation which characterised the 1960s and 1970s, inevitably suffered, progressively coming to resemble the recycling of empty gestures and mannerisms.

Coming together from different parts of the world only in the studio, the song-writing team of Jagger and Richards, which had once produced acute anthems of the times (*Satisfaction*, *Street Fighting Man*, *You Can't Always Get What You Want*), now produced retreats and self-parody; the musicianship beyond reproach, the spirit almost utterly absent.

The reason for the group's existence has become less apparent over the years, even to themselves.

The disagreements between Jagger and Richards have been exercised with increasing stridency in the press, hingeing on the main around Jagger's commitment to the group, or lack of it, and particularly to the idea of touring, and to his unilateral decision to put the group on the back-burner in order to pursue a solo career.

This has produced two albums, with diminishing returns, which have confirmed that ultimately the mystique of the Stones remains greater than that of any of its individual members.



Jackson and Alabama top American charts

Bruce Hornsby and the Range (RCA).

6. (14) Pour Some Sugar on Me — Def Leppard (Mercury).

7. (10) Mercedes Boy — Pebbles (MCA).

8. (2) Together Forever — Rick Astley (RCA).

9. (12) Nite and Day — Al B. Sure (Uptown-Warner Brothers).

10. (9) Alphabet Street — Prince (Paisley Park-Warner Brothers).

The ten top country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (2) Fallin' Again — Alabama (RCA).

2. (7) If You Change Your Mind — Rosanne Cash (Columbia).

3. (4) Love of a Lifetime — Larry, Steve, Rudy: The Gatlin Brothers (Columbia).

4. (5) Satisfy You — Sweethearts of the Rodeo (Columbia).

5. (11) If It Don't Come Easy — Tanya Tucker (Capitol).

6. (9) Set 'Em Up Joe — Vom Godzin (Columbia).

7. (10) Talkin' to the Wrong Man — Michael Martin Murphey (with Ryan Murphey) (Warner Brothers).

8. (3) I Told You So — Randy Travis (Warner Brothers).

9. (13) Workin' Man (Nowhere To Go) — The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band (Warner Brothers).

10. (12) Goodbye Time — Conway Twitty (MCA).

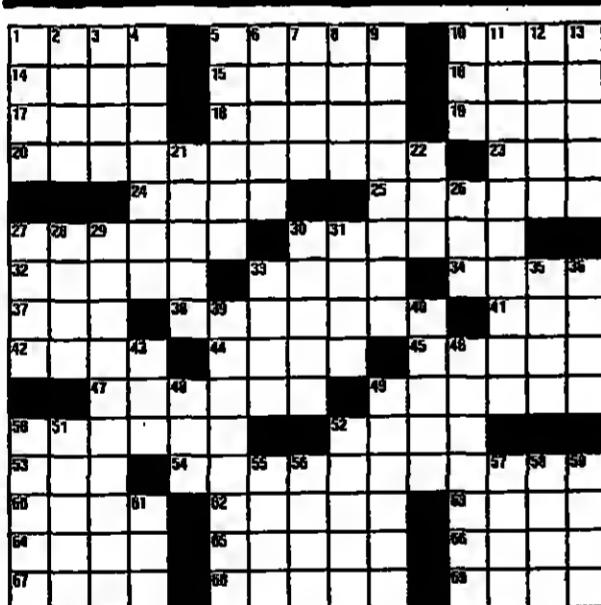


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TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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- 2 Avent
- 3 Capital of Italia
- 4 Norse god
- 5 Roundabout
- 6 Chip a glass
- 7 Lahr or Parks
- 8 Jai —
- 9 Move
- 10 Doctors' org.
- 11 Hard at work
- 12 Theater
- 13 Youthful period
- 14 Untethered
- 15 Maka as profit
- 16 Essence
- 17 Grass moisture
- 18 Black, to a poet
- 19 Gumption
- 20 Jack of nursery rhymes
- 21 Animal's hideaway
- 22 Back talk
- 23 Becomes
- 24 Peter the Great
- 25 Pares
- 26 Least colorful
- 27 Hemingway
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The Oxford guide to... Oxford

By Matthew Partis

THIS is Oxford writing about itself, a collection of stylish, sparkling essays by students (current and recent) determined to become stylish, sparkling people. I am sure we all think only slightly less highly of them than they do of themselves, and that we shall admire them even more as we get to know them better. And there is no doubt that we shall, for there is a feast of splendid writing here, a sufficient ration of serious thought and about a *seram-earaker*'s worth of originality. Rather like Oxford itself.

Johnson starts the book with a cracking little introduction, closes it with a guide to sex at the university and appears on the dust-jacket having done something extraordinary to her hair. Within, Susan Hitch complains about the way men trivialise women. Hers is the most superbly written essay. At times funny — "A careful proportion of women is admitted every year along with other forms of recreation considered dangerous and bad for [men's] health, like alcohol or discs" — she cannot help being serious. This sits uneasily with the light-hearted contributions, yet provides an integrity which a volume of undergraduate cleverness is always in danger of lacking.

A similar tension arises within individual essays. Toby Young, for instance, writes on class with a pacy and cynical wit. He writes, "In going to Oxford I could be both fashionable and please my parents at the same time." But he yields to his own disappointment that the place "seemed to lack any



In celebration: Oxford students forget about being grown-up and unwind after exams

imagination ... During my entire time at Oxford I never saw one play, one review, one article, one anything, that remotely raised itself above the ordinary and the humdrum ...

This is reminiscent, perhaps, of Bertrand Russell's complaint that he spent his first year at Cambridge looking in vain for the cleverest young men in the world who, he had been assured, were there. In his second year it dawned on him that he and his friends were the cleverest young men in the world.

The essay on eccentricities is

Aiden Hartley's piece on work strikes a chord. Most undergraduates, he says, do not work. "They put in spasmodic bursts of endeavour ... they treat each subject only superficially, they read little and cease to go to lectures ... They suffer essay crises ... All in all it is a half-hearted and profoundly debilitating state of affairs." I am baffled by the impertinence that exalts this as something an improving and necessary episode in a young gentleman's life.

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flanks the Queen."

Sometimes hilarious, the essay on ambition quotes examples across the range of literary pretension: from (early) Giles Brandreth, "Give me a left breast and I am your man, embittered, self-confessed, heady with dreams Olympus-high, a sort of decadent Peter Pan, a slobbering candidate for Nipples Anonymous", to Hermione Lee, "My soul is like those lovely little beasts that crouch and spring jokily between my new books, that grin and gambol on my masterpiece. My soul is a goner indeed, it is a goner perhaps."

But like the chapter on drugs, this essay indicates a dismaying sub-theme to the book, a profound conformism beneath Oxford's surface. Conformism, no doubt, about many exotic and deviant sub-cultures as well as more conventional norms, but conformism nonetheless. Everyone seems to be measuring themselves against standards set by others. Even the rebels seem doomed, after a happy interlude at Oxford, to return to type.

Exhilarated, soaring like kites on a spring afternoon, the young men and women who emerge from these pages float high free above the spires and meadows. But there is an ever-present sense that at the other end of an invisible string, nameless and unnumbered hands maintain a grip which will not, finally, be broken. This is a clever book by clever people, but captive spirits, every one. If there are free spirits at Oxford, then they have yet to find a publisher.

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By Alastair Forbes

THIS frantic publicising, seeking but for the most part unappetising rehash of a book (not worth replacing on the shelf Ralph G. Martin's study of 15 years ago) comes with the imprimatur of Britain's new TV watchdog and even newer peer, that very decent chap William Rees-Mogg. For Rees-Mogg, among the many hats that now load his highbrow, upturns his head, includes that of chairman of the publishers Sidgwick & Jackson, once superintended by his more puritanical fellow-Catholic, Lord Longford KG.

The New Statesman's condemnation of him as a "small-minded prude" is hardly in line with the Nihil Obstat he has given to the more scurrilous charges laid here against the late Duchess and her husband by Charles Higham. Higham tells us that he "fled" England half a century ago to become a usually unauthorised show-busy-body biographer in Beverly Hills. Before shaking the dust of Hampstead for ever from his Startrites he recalls that, as an "excessively precocious" five-year-old, he was made by his British advertising tycoon and MP father to listen with the grown-ups to Windsor's farewell broadcast. "We heard a voice announce the King," he writes.

Wrong already. From the Augusta Tower of Windsor Castle the saturnine Scot John Reith proclaimed "His Royal Highness Prince Edward" (who before loyally crying "God save the King" gave the almost immediately breached assurance "I now quit altogether public affairs".

Mr Higham writes in the idiom of a society columnist on an American provincial paper.

Women wear "designer gowns," the work of "modistes." He seldom spells a foreign name correctly, often slipping it up as well on "plain Yankee ones, and is evidently all at sea even in the bright lights of Cafe and Nescafe Society. Thus, on the very first page of Wallis he writes of "Grace, Lady Dudley, formerly a Radziwill and thus related to the Kennedys" by marriage, "a bower compounded in the index, where I found "Dudley, Grace, Countess of (Duchess of Marlborough)," confusing — doubtless to the disgust of both ladies — the 3rd wife of one Earl with the 2nd wife of another Duke. Enough to make this reviewer treat the intervening 400 or so pages with cautious scepticism.

A good 350 of them simply relate from the numerous published sources the long tragic-comedy of the ill-starred but well-heeled pair's life. The first 50 are the only ones that can claim to have exhausted anything even remotely "secret" from Wallis's curriculum vitae. It does seem quite possible that, like a huge and ever-increasing percentage of the populations on both sides of the Atlantic, Wallis, though of far better Episcopalian stock than several recent Royal Duchesses, may have been conceived before her parent's marriage legitimised her. It seems too that she may, after all, have been neither baptised nor confirmed, hardly her own fault at the time, and again the lot today of a majority in the English-speaking world — both lapses, by the way, that could have been corrected within a matter of days if not hours, had aught depended on

it other than a single hypothetical son's hypothetical salvation. They could never have been a factor in the abdication crisis, which was brought about solely by the King's failure either to understand or to fulfil his constitutional duty to act only on the advice of his ministers.

Pace Mr Higham, plenty of well-born English married ladies were taken in those days to meet the employees of brothels a great deal more louches than the Ritz one near Hong Kong's Repulse Bay Hotel supposedly visited by Win and Wallis. The dossier, according to the present Lord Chamberlain's great-uncle Jack Coke, long Queen Mary's faithful equestrian, accused Wallis of having picked up "perverse practices" — a term that then more than likely covered almost 70 doing-what-comes-naturally in improvement on the missionary position.

It is true that (even allowing for what is now known about the inveterate fallibility of both FBI and SIS) some of the wartime documents now perusables in America show the Windsors to have been even more criminally irresponsible than was already known. But they had been made popular by the gutter press, like Stalin and the Red Army, or they might have been interned like their chums the Mosleys. Nevertheless Frank Giles was not the only person to have found, as he wrote in his cosy memoirs, that Wallis made a perfectly respectable Governor-General's lady, indeed exactly what her arch-enemy, Queen Elizabeth, in a very indiscreet letter in her own hand sent to the then

colonial secretary — one not discovered by Higham — had claimed she could never be.

No one who, as I did, met Harold Christie ever doubted he was responsible for the Bahamian murder of Sir Harry Oakes but Higham's account of it, and the Duke's shady role before and after, makes far more interesting reading than his prurient pokes into his wife's past. Incidentally Mr Higham has swallowed wholesale tales of Windsor always insisting that his wife be addressed, despite his brother the King's ruling on Cabinet advice, as "Royal Highness" and "Ma'am" and so forth. I myself never did, either in or out of his presence (though I could hardly avoid finding her better company than her husband), and never encountered objection or reproach from either for my obstinacy in this regard. The only public figure I heard repeatedly addressing her as "Ma'am" across the dining table was in fact the Duke's old pet aversion (perhaps it was mutual) Anthony Eden.

Mr Higham makes much of Wallis's loathing of Britain and the Brits but seems not to know that her husband had, after Queen Mary's death, confided in his fluent German to the late Lili Palmer that "My tragedy is that I couldn't stand England from the start. But the first time I set foot on American soil I knew at a stroke that this was the place for me, where I'd like to stay. And then I married an American and hoped that we could live in America but ... my wife hates America and only wants to live in France. That's life ... My mother was the only person I missed in England."

WALLIS: Secret Lives of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor by Charles Higham, Sidgwick & Jackson, 408pp, £14.95.



The Duke and Duchess at their Paris home in Bois de Boulogne.

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Flood of problems for India's goitre sufferers

By Aisha Ram

KATRA SHAHWAJPUR in the Gonda district of India's Uttar Pradesh state, along with Balkudia and Kanti Chakra in Deoria district, have the dubious distinction of being called "villages of idiots" or "baukas", the local term for cretins.

A staggering 13 per cent of the population of Deoria district suffer from cretinism, a condition characterised by dwarfism and mental retardation, which is caused by a deficiency in hormones produced by the thyroid gland.

Studies conducted by doctors from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) have shown that 80 per cent of the inhabitants of Katra Shahwajpur on the River Sarayu, which is flooded annually, suffer from goitre and related conditions. Four per cent of its population is cretinous.

In many parts of India people have learned to cope with annual floods — and the diseases such as cholera and dysentery which accompany them. But neither the affected villagers nor the government have yet come to terms with the invisible damage that the floods inflict as they leach precious iodine from vast areas of soil.

Millions of people in India suffer from goitre, a swelling of the thyroid gland caused by over- or under-production of certain hormones in the gland.

The hormonal imbalance usually occurs as a result of a deficiency of iodine in the diet. Hormones produced by the thyroid gland control metabolism and body growth. Damage to the brain and other body organs caused by thyroid malfunction at birth, or during the early formative years of growth, are irreversibly.

Ugly

While goitre, an ugly swelling of the thyroid gland in the neck, is visible and therefore disturbing, doctors in India are more concerned about other, less visible, thyroid disorders.

Cretinism is the severest and most worrying manifestation of the imbalance in thyroid activity, caused by lack of iodine. Stunted growth, deaf mutism and squint also commonly occur as a result of iodine deficiency.

Millions of Indians still suffer from an inadequate intake of iodine, even though iodine can be administered through injections of iodised oil, or by persuading people to use salt to which iodine has been added.

According to official estimates, 145 million people live in goitre endemic areas in India and at least 40 million are suffering from the condition.

It has now been established that people living in river basins and plains, where the soils are constantly washed by flood waters and heavy rains, are particularly liable to suffer from health problems due to lack of iodine.

Apart from the sub-Himalayan states where goitre was discovered to be endemic in the mid-1950s, there are pockets where the condition is common throughout India.

Mizoram in the north-east and the districts of Bahraich, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur and Deoria in eastern Uttar Pradesh, are the worst hit areas.

The adjoining belt of east and west, Muzaffarpur, Sitamarhi and Darbhanga in Bihar are also badly affected. The 10 iodine-deficient districts of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have a network of rivers which flood annually.

Hamlets and villages nesting in the bends of the rivers are particularly prone to exhibit thyroid problems. In Gonda the greatest incidence of thyroid disorders are observed in the villages on the strip of land between the rivers Ghaghara and Sarayu.

Contrast

High abortion rates, infant mortality and a very definite drop in the intelligence levels of schoolchildren have worried doctors conducting studies in Uttar Pradesh.

At Colneganji, a village in Gonda district, over 90 percent of primary school children had goitre and a fifth had other conditions associated with thyroid hormone imbalances. Dr C. S. Pandav, a member of the medical team in the district and representative of the International Council for Control of Iodine Deficiency Disorders (ICCID), says this is "an extremely high rate for this age group."

By contrast only half of the inhabitants of Saideva village in the same district, which is not

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

US fines RJR Nabisco

WASHINGTON, July 1, (Reuter): RJR Nabisco agreed to pay a \$97,000 fine to clear charges that it wrongly gave information about its dealings with Israel and with companies blacklisted by the Arab League, the Commerce Department said yesterday.

RJR Nabisco — a tobacco and food products conglomerate formed in 1986 from the merger of Nabisco Inc and R.J. Reynolds Industries Inc — settled the charges by agreeing to pay the fine but was not required to admit guilt, the Department said.

The Department alleged that R.J. Reynolds and three of its subsidiaries furnished information to Bahrain, Kuwait and Syria about the firms' business relations with Israel and with companies blacklisted by the Arab League.

Federal law bars American citizens and companies from furnishing information about their business relations with boycotted countries and blacklisted people, and also prohibits individuals and companies from refusing to do business with others because of foreign boycotts.

Syrian draft budget shows 20pc more spending in 1988

DAMASCUS, July 1, (Reuter): Syrian government spending will rise by 20 percent in 1988 according to a draft budget being discussed by parliament, officials said yesterday.

They said the budget projected total government expenditure in 1988 at \$1.54 billion, Syrian pounds (\$4.58 billion) compared with 42.95 billion pounds (\$3.81 billion) in 1987.

Syria's economy recently started to pull out of crisis after cabinet changes, a crackdown on corruption and a campaign to boost the private sector and oil output and reform agriculture, diplomats said.

The officials refused to give details of revenues for 1988 but quoted Finance Minister Khalid Mahayni as telling the assembly on Wednesday that he had tried to balance revenues and spending.

Mahayni said the budget was trying to increase income from agriculture, oil, other natural resources and exports.

Iraq and Jordan fail to solve payment crisis

AMMAN, July 1, (Reuter): Talks between Iraq and Jordan on a \$100-million payment crisis have made no headway but a senior official said yesterday both sides would meet again in mid-July.

"There is enough room for optimism," Trade Minister Hamdi Tabaa said. "Both countries have the goodwill to settle the issue ... we expect positive results." He declined to give details.

Affected

A Jordanian trade delegation returned to Amman on Tuesday after presenting ideas on how to iron out an excess \$100 million in letters of credit opened by Baghdad for Jordanian exporters to ship goods to Iraq.

An official source said both sides failed to agree on how to settle the crisis, which he said affected 160 Jordanian firms.

Under a protocol signed at cas-

Net debtor position widens

US sinks deeper into red with rest of the world

WASHINGTON, July 1, (Reuter): The United States, already the world's biggest debtor nation, went an additional \$99 billion into the red last year, the Commerce Department said yesterday.

The US net debtor position widened to \$368.2 billion during 1987 from a revised \$269.2 billion at the end of 1986, the department said in an annual report on international investment.

Surplus.

The department previously said the US net debtor position at the end of 1986 was \$263.6 billion.

The rising red ink means the United States eventually not

only will have to reduce its massive merchandise trade deficit with the rest of the world, but will also have to generate a surplus in trade to service its debts abroad.

It has the potential of becoming a hot political issue in the presidential election campaign because it shows the United States is becoming more dependent on foreign countries.

It is also likely to sharpen the focus on how the presidential candidates plan to reduce the US budget deficit, which economists say is the main reason for America's insatiable appetite for foreign capital.

The government also reported yesterday that new orders received by US manufacturers fell 0.6 percent in May because of a sharp drop in the volatile category of transport equipment.

Economists said the decline was additional welcome evidence that US economic growth was slowing to a more sustainable pace after a rapid start to the year fanned fears of inflationary overheating.

The Commerce Department, in its debt report, said the United States brought in \$135.5 billion more capital from other countries than it invested abroad in 1987. This was partially offset by appreciation of US holdings of foreign securities due to higher currency exchange values abroad.

US assets abroad were up

\$96.4 billion or nine per cent, to nearly \$1.17 trillion at the end of 1987, the department said.

US holdings of foreign securities rose \$13.5 billion in 1987 to \$146.7 billion, while US direct investment abroad increased by a record \$49.3 billion or 19 per cent, to \$308.9 billion.

Assets

Foreign assets in the United States rose \$195.4 billion or 15 percent, to almost \$1.54 trillion at the end of 1987, the department said.

Foreign direct investment in the United States rose a record \$41.5 billion in 1987, or 19 per cent, to \$261.9 billion.

The department said foreign investment in US companies continued at a high level partly because the lower value of the dollar made US ownership attractive.

The largest share of the increased foreign investment, about 46 percent, was accounted for by Britain.

The department said British direct investment in the United

States at the end of 1987 amounted to \$74.94 billion while Japanese investment was \$33.36 billion and Dutch investment was \$47.05 billion.

The decline in May factory orders followed a 1.5 per cent rise in April. The May fall was led by a 10.2 per cent drop in transport orders, mainly aircraft.

Excluding transport, factory orders would have risen one per cent in May, in line with the average flow of orders in the past six months.

The drop in orders was the sharpest decline since August 1987 and followed Wednesday's report of a 0.1 per cent dip in the May index of leading economic indicators, the government's main gauge of future business activity.

Also in May, the US unemployment rate rose to 5.6 percent from a 14-year low of 5.4 percent in April, while retail sales edged up just 0.1 percent.

Despite the signs of softness, private economists expect US growth of at least three per cent in the second quarter, propelled

by booming exports.

The US economy grew at a 3.6 per cent rate between January and March, spurring the White House to raise its forecast for the whole year to 3.0 per cent from 2.4 per cent.

But the Reagan administration yesterday sought to minimise the annual accounting of the country's investment position, contending that the figures were a sign of strength showing foreigners still believed America was an excellent place to invest.

The United States had an investment surplus of \$89.4 billion as recently as 1983. That surplus fell to \$3.5 billion in 1984 and disappeared altogether in 1985, the year the country became a net debtor for the first time in 71 years with a debt of \$110.7 billion.

America's investment surplus has evaporated as the country ran up huge merchandise trade deficits during the 1980s, transferring billions of dollars into the hands of foreigners to pay for colour televisions, stereo equipment and automobiles.

World Business Summary

Continuing high prices forecast for nickel

LONDON, July 1, (AP): The price of nickel — a key ingredient of stainless steel — is unlikely to weaken during the rest of this year because of the fundamentals of supply and demand, metals analysts Shearson Lehman Hutton said yesterday. The "buoyant" demand trends of 1987, when nickel use by the stainless steel industry reached all-time highs, have been carried over into the first half of 1988, the company said in its latest detailed study of the nickel market. Shearson said that consumption of nickel in the West grew by 10 per cent last year to reach a record 630,000 metric tons, while production rose by four per cent to 528,000 tons. It forecasts 1988 Western consumption and production at 660,000 and 564,000 tons respectively. Production shortfalls have characterised the market every year since 1983, helping to fuel a rise in the price of the metal to an all-time peak of \$10.84 a pound at the end of March. Shearson said. Production problems in many parts of the world, but especially in the Dominican Republic, exacerbated the rise, it said. The price has fallen from its peak, but the market's fundamentals "do not suggest any weakening ... over the course of the year," the company commented.

S. Korea plans to resume imports of foreign beef

SEOUL, July 1, (AP): South Korea plans to resume imports of foreign beef this month under a new quota system, reportedly as part of an effort to appease foreign trade pressure, a newspaper reported today. The Korean Economic Daily News quoted unidentified official sources as saying that the Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Ministry plans to lift a three-year-old ban on beef imports soon after the closing July 10 of the current National Assembly session. No official confirmation was immediately available, but one ministry official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said a government announcement on the matter may be coming soon. The newspaper said the ministry will tell the legislature the planned beef imports are needed to meet current domestic shortages as well as to appease foreign trade pressure, notably with the United States and Australia. Some lawmakers have opposed an opening of the beef market because of the potential effect on South Korean farmers. Local farmers and political dissidents have staged demonstrations against market liberalisation.

Cocoa organisation re-enters cocoa market as buyer

LONDON, July 1, (AP): The International Cocoa Organisation re-entered the market as a buyer because suppliers of previously contracted beans have been unable to deliver. The organisation said yesterday it was tendering to buy up to 4,775 metric tons "in replacement of cocoa that sellers were unable to deliver within the contract period." The tender is for cacao immediately available or for delivery in July. Traders said the organisation was forced back into the market because dealers could not fulfill contracts to deliver beans offered at previous tenders. The reason was the no-sell policy adopted by the Ivory Coast, the world's biggest exporter, traders said. The withdrawal of the Ivory Coast from the market in April, when the world price crashed to a six-year low, created a shortage of good quality beans, traders said. As a result, some middlemen with commitments to deliver to the cocoa organisation could not secure supplies to meet their obligations. Further defaults are likely, traders said.

Egypt reschedules debt with Western creditors

CAIRO, July 1, (Reuter): Australia and Britain have signed debt rescheduling deals with Egypt in what a diplomat called an avalanche of last-minute accords before an expected meeting by Cairo for fresh debt relief.

Egypt wanted the swift conclusion of bilateral accords with Western creditor governments under a pact signed last year with the 18-nation Paris Club, Western embassy officials reported.

Avalanche

"There's been a veritable avalanche of signings," a diplomat said yesterday. "It's all happening at once."

Switzerland is set to sign this week on about \$320 million of reschedulings. Canada (\$62 million), Sweden (\$50 million) and Norway (\$19 million) were also preparing to sign in the next few days, embassy officials said.

Japan, negotiating over \$309 million owed by Egypt up to 20 creditor organisations, will be the last creditor to sign, diplomat said.

A Japanese embassy spokesman said the two sides were still discussing the amount to be rescheduled, and he had no idea when signing would take place.

The Paris Club agreement covered instalments totalling more than \$6 billion on Egypt's \$43.9 billion foreign debt up to the end of June 1988.

Keen

Western embassy economists said Cairo was keen to wrap up deals with each government by Sunday, when first payments fall due on unrescheduled debt and it risks defaulting.

"The crunch point is Sunday," one said. "The first payments are due on non-rescheduled debt and naturally the Egyptians won't meet it. They'll have to default."

Government ministers have said they expect Cairo to again apply to the Paris Club for rescheduling instalments due between July 1, 1988, and the end of 1989 — a total of at least \$5 billion.

Provided it maintains an inter-

national Monetary Fund (IMF) agreement, it stands every chance of success, diplomats said. But first it must sign all bilateral accords under the current Paris Club pact.

After months of haggling over interest rates, at least some creditor governments that held out till the end got a good deal, diplomats said.

Britain signed with Egypt yesterday to reschedule about \$200 million worth of payments at 0.5 percent above the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate (LIBOR), compared to rates nearer 0.35 percent above LIBOR approved by some earlier signatories.

Australia signed on Wednesday for about \$214 million in reschedulings. "I think both sides were pretty happy," as Australian official said.

Signed

Canada's Wheat Board and International Development Agency signed on Monday with Egypt. The last Canadian creditor, the Export Develop-

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Morocco and Spain discuss EEC ties

MADRID, July 1, (Reuter): Morocco is looking to Spain to support its campaign for stronger ties with the European Economic Community, Foreign Minister Abdellatif Filali said yesterday.

"My government hopes Spain will back a greater integration of Morocco into Europe," Filali told reporters after meeting Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez during a two-day visit.

He said Spain would be in a good position to help when it takes over presidency of the 12-member group next January.

Spanish officials said Filali and Gonzalez also discussed plans for a visit to Spain by King Hassan, adding the trip was likely towards the end of the year.

Filali said Morocco's relations with Spain were entering a new phase following Wednesday's signing of a \$1.1 billion economic accord providing for Spanish loans, credits and investment in Morocco over the next five years.

"The accord ... is the most important signed by Spain with Morocco since independence," he said.

Morocco still claims sovereignty over the Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla, but Spanish officials said the issue did not come up in the meeting between Gonzalez and Filali.

Greece takes presidency of the EEC

BRUSSELS, Belgium, July 1, (AP): Greece assumes the presidency of the European Economic Community today, midway in a year that has produced some of the biggest successes in the trade bloc's 31-year history.

The socialist government of Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou takes over the rotating presidency from West Germany.

Papandreou is expected to put a heavy accent on efforts to improve the economic prospects of Europe's poorer and less industrialised regions, most of which are in Greece, Spain and Portugal.

Clout

But because of its relatively light diplomatic clout — and its sometimes troublesome relations with other EEC members — Athens is not expected to win much progress on farm policy reform and other key issues.

Indeed, conflict between the Common Market and the United States over liberalising farm trade is likely to intensify this fall as both sides prepare for a special trade negotiating session in June 1989.

In its six months at the helm, the West German government managed to move down the road to economic and financial union than nearly anyone had thought possible at the start of the year. In EEC experience, the stronger the presiding country is and the more

skillful its diplomacy, the more likely the EEC is to overcome factional fighting and make real progress towards common goals.

Although many problems remain, the EEC under West German leadership gained a new impulse toward its most basic goal: creating a true common market where people, goods and money can move as freely across national borders.

"A lot more has to be done," said Hugh Corbett, director of the London-based Trade Policy Research Center. He said it is widely believed in Western Europe that little progress will be made during Greece's term.

In the international arena, the major West German success was completing years of negotiations with the Soviet-led economic alliance known as the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance, or Comecon, on a joint protocol. The socialist bloc has agreed for the first time to formally recognise the EEC, although no trade pact has been made.

Setback

One of the key failures of the West German presidency was the setback of efforts to normalise relations with Turkey, which last year applied for EEC membership. Greece, which nearly went to war with Turkey in April 1987 over mineral rights in the Aegean Sea, is firmly opposed to allowing its ancient enemy to become the 13th EEC member.

BUSINESS

Market cautious

Japan joins W. Germany to stop dollar's surge

LONDON, July 1. (Reuter): The dollar ended a hectic week's European trading buoyant but off its highs after the Japanese apparently joined the West Germans today in trying to stop a three-week-old surge in its value.

Gold prices were a shade firmer. In stock markets, London ended with the FTSE index of British bluechips barely changed and on Wall Street the Dow Jones industrial average was down seven points at 2,135 at midday, in thin trading.

Modest

Currency dealers in Singapore said the Bank of Japan sold a modest \$30 to 50 million in the open market there, for Deutschemarks, through a Japanese bank.

It was 'no big deal' said a senior European bank trader, and no Japanese intervention to prop the yen was detected.

But the hint that the Japanese were moving up alongside West Germany's Bundesbank, which, with other European central banks, has sold dollars all week, made markets cautious.

The start of the July 4 long

weekend in the United States also made them wary about taking new positions.

The dollar at the close in London was worth 1.82 West German marks, down on an eight-month high of 1.8325 touched yesterday.

Inflation

It closed at 134.15 Japanese yen. Earlier, in Tokyo, it had risen to 134.75 yen, its highest since November.

The dollar's recent rise by around seven per cent against other currencies reflects market optimism about the US economy and America's ability to arrest its trade deficits.

But governments whose currencies are depreciating fear prices will rise on imported goods, causing inflation.

The Bundesbank repeatedly sold dollars again today. Yesterday it had raised interest rates to prop the mark.

The pound sterling closed steady, worth \$1.7015 after 1.7055 yesterday. Dealers expect a new rise in British interest rates next week which may underpin

sterling.

Away from currencies, commodity markets rather than stock exchanges took the spotlight.

Oil prices remained weak, depressed by oversupply from the OPEC organisation. North Sea crude for August loading traded at \$14.45 a barrel, almost down at its 1988 low.

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No signs

There were still no signs the Japanese authorities were uncomfortable with the dollar's strong performance against the yen and no reasons yet to believe they would follow yesterday's rise in European interest rates to hold it back, dealers said.

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Cheaper oil helped Wall Street stocks to a 20-point gain yesterday. But today the Tokyo Stock Exchange, the world's biggest, failed to track the advance.

Tokyo stocks dropped sharply as investors switched heavily into big stocks in the morning and then tried to get out quickly with a profitable before the market closed.

This tactic sends volumes soaring but is a game only the big institutions can play. Small investors are scared off.

The Nikkei index sank 265.87 points, or 0.96 per cent to 27,503.53.

Hong Kong stocks were quoted higher and the Hang Seng index ended up 13.15 at 2,684.64. In Sydney the Australian All-Ordinaries index rose four points to 1,539.

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Located

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LONDON, July 1. (AP): Exports of coffee beans to countries outside the International Coffee Organisation are increasing, with non-members getting a better price than members, the organisation said yesterday.

The United States, the European Economic Community and other members of the 74-nation group, which regulates world supplies and prices, are highly critical of sales by the organisation's 50 exporters to non-members at discount prices.

Non-members include the Soviet Union and its allies.

The latest coffee organisation statistics show that exports from members to non-members in the six months from October 1987 to May 1988 rose to 6.6 million bags, up from 4.3 million in the same period in 1986-87 and five million in 1985-86.

One bag equals 60 kilograms (132 pounds).

Non-members paid an average price of 5.3 per cent less than members from October 1987 to March 1988, the statistics show.

Industry sources said they expected the gap to grow unless the organisation applies its rules against cut-price sales.

However, delegates of the 16-nation executive board, meeting in London said yesterday that they do not expect strong action to be taken this week against offenders.

"If penalties are imposed, they will only be taken ones for technical infringements," a consumer official said.

Consumer officials were also unhappy that rising sales to non-members was going hand-in-hand with undershipment of export quotas.

Exports to members are regulated by quotas.

At the end of May, 7.7 million bags of quota coffee remained to be shipped from the total April to June allocation of 14.5 million bags, according to organisation figures.

Brazil had not shipped 2.7 million bags of its quarterly allocation of 4.1 million.

Traders said that producers generally were holding back coffee in the hope of selling at much higher levels later this year if frosts should strike Brazil's coffee-growing regions.

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Investors buy resort island from Kuwaitis

CHARLESTON, South Carolina, July 1. (UPI): Kiawah Island, developed as a plush resort for the wealthy off the South Carolina coast by oil-rich Arabs in the mid-70s, was purchased on Wednesday by a group of investors for \$105 million in one of the state's largest real estate transactions.

The 10,000-acre barrier island with miles of wide sandy beaches, clusters of tennis courts, golf course and residential and commercial development, was sold by the Kuwaiti government-owned Kiawah Island Co., which bought the property in 1974 and spent \$200 million to develop it into a luxury beachside resort.

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Meanwhile, Director-General of the Kuwait Investment Company (KIC) Hilal Mishari Al Mutairi confirmed that KIC has sold its project of Kiawah Island in the United States to a group of American investors.

Al Mutairi, in a statement to KUNA, said the American investors agreed to pay \$105 million for the bulk of the properties owned by KIC on the island, while the rest are for sale and expected to fetch another \$15 million to the company.

Subroto plans to play peacemaker role in OPEC

VIENNA, July 1. (Reuter): OPEC's new secretary-general Subroto of Indonesia said yesterday that he plans to play a peacemaker role in the organisation.

Subroto, a former Indonesian oil minister and OPEC president, told reporters at Vienna airport that his first task as secretary-general, a job he starts officially today, was to visit all 13 member states and ask their guidance.

Oil industry sources in the Gulf say that the UAE has carried out its threat to flout its OPEC output quota of 948,000 barrels per day by authorising oil companies to boost their output by almost 20 per cent in July. This will bring production to 1.5 million barrels daily.

Meanwhile in Jakarta, Indonesia appealed to other members of OPEC yesterday not to undermine oil prices by offering discounts or producing more crude than agreed.

Indonesian Energy Minister Gimanjar Kartasasmita said the ink was hardly dry on the June agreement of the OPEC when some members had begun violating it.

Warned

He warned the 13-member organisation not to repeat the events of 1986, when oil prices crumbled to under \$10 a barrel.

He said he did not yet see a need for a meeting of OPEC's five-member price committee, but that Indonesia appealed to other OPEC members not to undermine oil prices.

Gimanjar said they should stick to the agreement reached in Vienna this month to maintain a production ceiling of 15.06 million barrels a day, with a price target of \$18.

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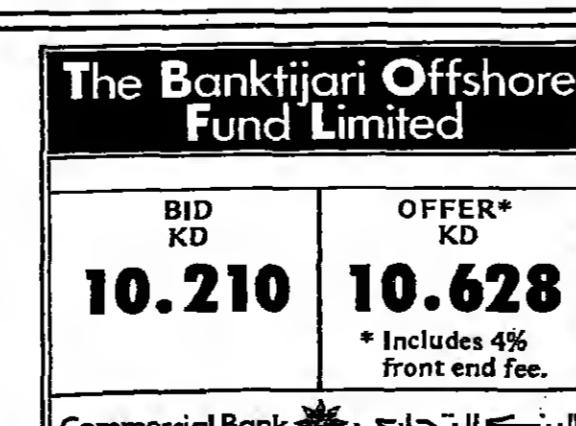
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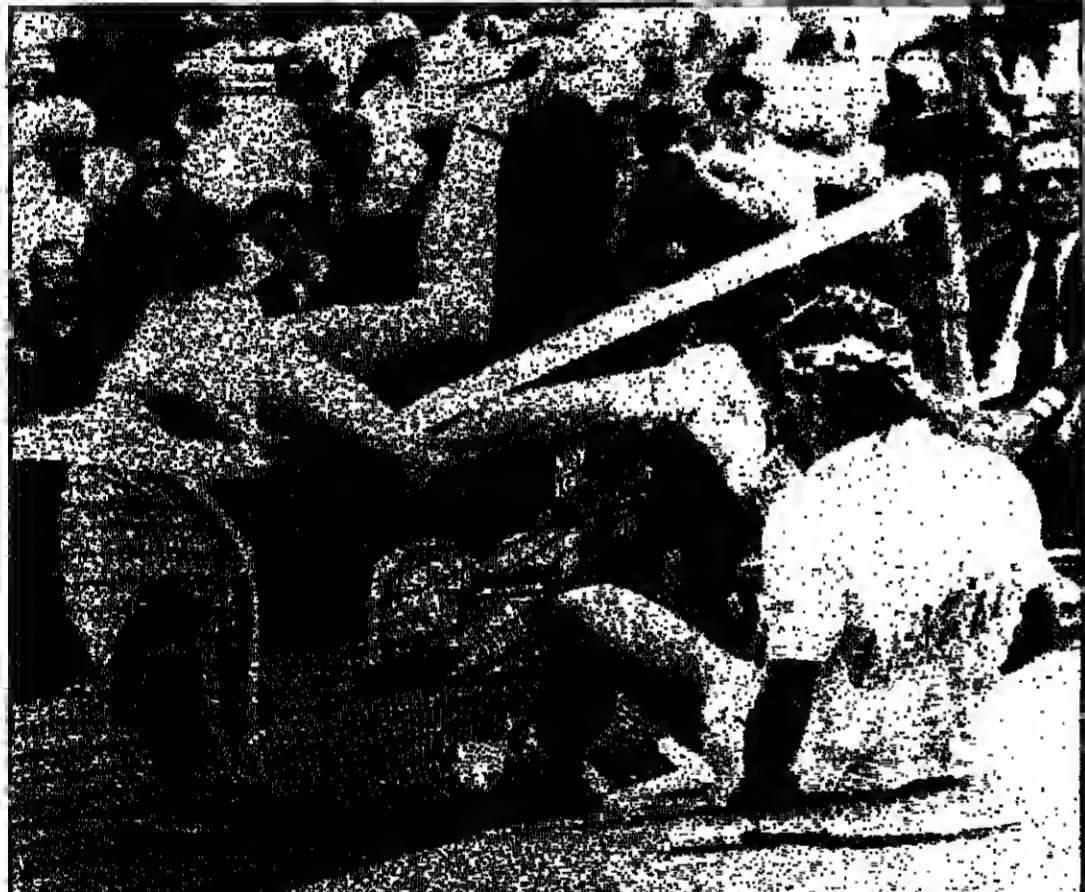


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HANDLERS make a hurried exit from the special crocodile pit built for Sydney's Darling Harbour Bicentennial Fair. The 12-foot crocodile was airfreighted from Darwin overnight but tranquilisers wore off before the handlers had released the nose-tie keeping the monster's jaws closed. The tie fell off when the crocodile entered its pool yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



THIS tiny pith-helmeted Vietnamese boy became the 8,000th refugee to be ferried from the reception centre of Green Island to a closed camp since May 3. Hong Kong recently started a new policy which calls for repatriation of all non-political refugees. (Reuter wirephoto)



AS AUSTRALIA'S Pat Cash sits on the court (right) after losing his balance and falling over the net at Wimbledon, West Germany's Boris Becker jokingly copies the slip by diving over the net himself during their men's singles match in the quarter-finals. (Reuter wirephoto)



A SIGN-bearer carries North Korea's name into main Seoul stadium during full-dress rehearsal for opening and closing ceremonies of Olympic Games. South Korea still hopes North Korea will agree to attend the Games. (Reuter wirephoto)



A MAN holds the world's biggest egg, laid by Ann, the ostrich (right). The egg, equal in volume to 24 regular eggs, weighs 2.3 kg, and beats the previous record of 1.78 kg, according to experts. (Reuter wirephoto)



A LONG jam of commuter traffic (right) files past the deserted tracks of Melbourne's main passenger rail lines after transport workers went on an indefinite strike. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE new NATO Secretary-General and former West German Defence Minister Manfred Woerner making a point during a news conference in Brussels yesterday. Woerner succeeds Lord Carrington of UK. (Reuter wirephoto)



A YOUNG man sells boaters at the 149th Royal Regatta — a high spot of the English social season and the most important event of the rowing calendar where straw hats and striped blazers are still the order of the day. (Reuter wirephoto)



A GROUP of British chemical weapons experts arrived at a Soviet training centre outside Moscow yesterday. They were in Moscow to inspect the bacteriological scientific centre as part of the reciprocal visit by Soviet officials to a British chemical warfare plant. (Reuter wirephoto)



HIGHLY decorated Vietnamese lead fellow soldiers as they wave goodbye during ceremonies on Thursday to mark the Vietnamese troop withdrawal from Kampuchea. (Reuter wirephoto)



THREE Israelis — (from left to right) Ellezer Fellier, Reuven Kaminer and Latif Dori react to their sentence of six months' jail and \$2,000 fines by an Israeli court for meeting with members of the PLO two years ago. A fourth person sentenced by the court is not in the picture. (Reuter wirephoto)



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Bubka fails to break world record

HELSINKI, Finland, July 1. (AP): Sergei Bubka blew it because the wind blew in all directions and the Olympic stadium crowd of 21,236 even booed the two-time Soviet pole vault world champion.

Bubka, who has broken almost 20 outdoor and indoor world records during his career and three weeks ago hiked the outdoor mark to 6.05 metres in Czechoslovakia, said before yesterday's World Games track meet that he felt he could do it again.

Difficult

But he came up short in the gusty winds that often make pole vaulting difficult at Olympic stadium, winning the featured event of the IAAF Mobil Grand Prix meet at 5.70 metres.

Bubka, however, didn't blame the wind for his disappointing performance in the stadium where he was competing for the first time since winning the gold medal at the inaugural World Track and Field Championships in 1983.

"It wasn't the wind," he said. "It didn't bother me much. I don't know what went wrong. I have no explanations."

"I'm in top form. I've got a new pole that I like a lot and I should have jumped better to-



Bubka: booted by the crowd

night. But I just didn't have it."

After clearing 5.70, his opening height, only Bubka was left in the pole vault competition. Atanas Tarev of Bulgaria was

impressive victories in the 3,000 metres steeplechase and men's 100 metres respectively.

Kariuki, the 1985 World Cup champion, ran the second fastest time this year when he clocked 16.17 seconds. Imoh was untroubled to win the 100 metres in 10.25.

In the steeplechase, African champion Patrick Sang, who had been running easily alongside his teammate Kariuki in the main bunch, took the lead on the back straight of the penultimate lap.

Sang led Kariuki and East Germany's European champion Hagen Melzer through the bell, then, with 200 to go, Kariuki struck.

The free-striding Kariuki shot to the front and, although Melzer responded quickly, he could not catch the flying Kenyan.

Melzer, though, managed to cling to second place, ahead of Sang, clocking 8:17.28 to Sang's 8:18.33.

Imoh sped to victory in a race delayed by two false starts ahead of American Marty Krueke, who clocked 10.52.

Another American Brian Cooper, who is also a nationally-ranked long jumper, pulled up after 40 metres and limped to the finish. His right thigh was heavily bound before he left the track for

runner-up at 5.40. Bubka then failed three times at his next height, 5.90.

Kenyan Julius Kariuki and Nigeria's Chidi Imoh recorded

the dressing rooms. World champion Tatiana Samolenko ran a perfectly-judged race to win the women's 3,000 metres ahead of her Soviet teammate Natalia Artemova.

Samolenko eased to the front in the final straight to win with consummate ease in 8:43.48. Artemova was second in 8:43.82.

Iceland's Einar Vilhjalmsson won the men's javelin ahead of a high-class field including Finnish world champion Seppo Raety and Czechoslovakia's world record holder Jan Zelezny.

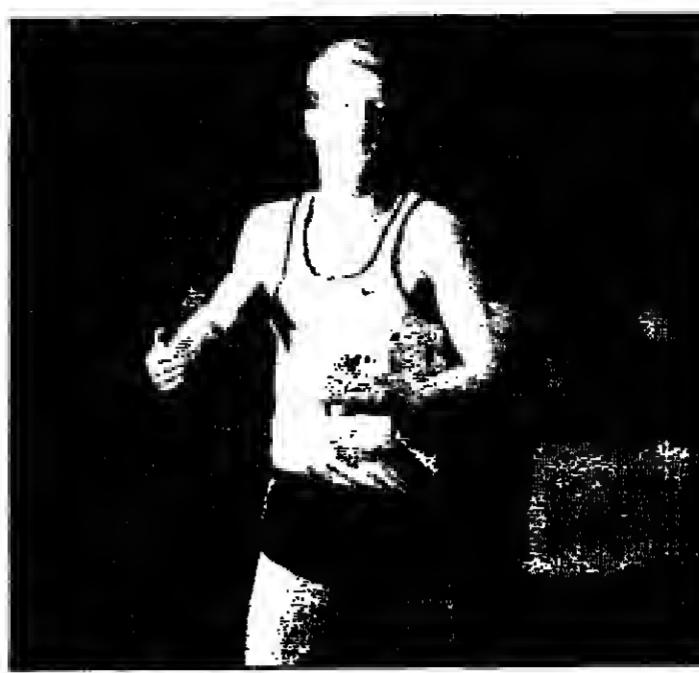
Vilhjalmsson won with a best throw of 82.68 metres in a competition where the top four all bettered 80 metres. Raety was second with 82.34.

Convincing

Britain's Paul Larkins defeated the experienced South African-born American Sydney Marce by almost a second in the men's 1,500 metres.

Larkins clocked 3:37.57 while Marce, finishing strongly, clocked 3:38.50.

East Germany's world record holder Petra Felke had a convincing win over Finland's 1983 world champion Taina Lilak in the women's javelin. Felke had a best throw of 73.86 metres while Lilak's best was 66.26.



Cram: European 1,500 metres champion

Bile to take on Cram in Bislett Dream Mile

OSLO, July 1. (Reuter): Abdi Bile, the 25-year-old Somalian who swept to last year's world 1,500 metres championships, takes on the 1983 world champion Steve Cram in tomorrow's Dream Mile, the highlight of the Bislett Games Grand Prix athletics meeting.

Bile was decisively beaten by Said Aouita over 1,500 metres last year but took full advantage of the Moroccan's absence to win gold at the Rome World Championships later in the year.

Aouita, who opted to run the 5,000 in preference to the 1,500 in Rome, has pulled out of yesterday's meeting.

Decision

He also missed yesterday's World Games in Helsinki, citing injury and lack of form for his decision to withdraw.

Despite Aouita's absence, the field for the Dream Mile is brimming with talent and experience.

Bile showed his burning pace to full effect in Lausanne, Switzerland, last Friday when he defeated twice Olympic 1,500 metres champion Seb Coe of Britain over 800 metres.

In addition to Cram, the European and Commonwealth 1,500 metres champion, Britain will be represented by world 800 metres silver medallist Peter

Elliott and the promising Steve Cram.

New Zealand's John Walker and American Steve Scott, the only two people to have run more than 100 sub-four minute miles, are also in the 10-strong field.

Norway's world champion Ingrid Kristiansen seeks revenge for a defeat by Britain's Liz McColgan in Belfast on Monday.

The Norwegian press have been promoting this event as a grudge match and Kristiansen and McColgan have been duly obliged with their quotes.

The time doesn't matter," Kristiansen told a news conference this week. "I have only one aim — to win."

McColgan retorted in the Norwegian Daily Verdens Gang today: "My aim is to beat Ingrid Kristiansen twice in a week and I am going to do it."

Sweden's world champion Patrik Sjoeborg has entered for the men's high jump but a twisted ankle has cast some doubt over his participation.

Sjoeborg though was optimistic. "There's a 90 per cent chance I will be there," he said.

The world women's high jump champion, Bulgarian Stefka Kostadinova, has, however, withdrawn with an unspecified injury.

Kookaburra and Bengal to meet in 12m final

LULEA, Sweden, July 1. (Reuter): Kookaburra III of Australia and Japan's Bengal III yesterday employed superior fresh-wind tactics to reach tomorrow's final of the World 12-metre Yachting Championship.

Kookaburra continued its unbeaten match race record with wins over New Sweden and its own sister Kookaburra II, renamed Nordstjernan under a sponsorship deal.

The victory over Nordstjernan, with America's Cup champion Dennis Conner at the helm, was sweet revenge for Kookaburra skipper Peter Gilmour who lost the Cup to Conner last year off Fremantle, Australia.

The stronger the breezes are out there, the happier I am," Gilmour said, referring to the steady 15-knot winds which made for perfect conditions. "I am happy to take on anyone."

Bengal III, skippered by veteran Australian Skip Lismann, capitalised on the steady breeze to conquer British entrant Crusader '88 for his fifth match race win in the semifinal campaign.

The former Australia III, one of the yachts built by Australian Alan Bond for last year's unsuccessful America's Cup defence, is now owned by Japanese entrepreneur Masakazu Kobayashi.

Declared

Outsider New Sweden, also in contention for the final, lost to Kookaburra in a resail of the duel it won on Tuesday, but which was declared void overnight by the competition jury.

The jury ruled that the Australian yacht had been unfairly disadvantaged by a course change made necessary by veering winds.

New Sweden skipper Olli Jansson was philosophical about the loss of a semifinal win in the jury room, a ruling which probably deprived him of a place in tomorrow's final.

"There is nothing we can do about it. Those are the rules," he said.

The Swedes ended up with five semifinal wins, but Bengal's superior performance in the last week's fleet races earned it the right to challenge Kookaburra in the final.

In yesterday's Kookaburra-Nordstjernan duel, both started well and Conner was in the lead round the first two marks of the seven-leg, 12-nautical mile course.

But Gilmour eased out into the lead on the second beat, finding the best of the steady winds on the left side on the course.

Conner managed to keep up with Gilmour during the race's three spinnaker runs but the beats proved his downfall.

Today was a rest day. Bengal III and Kookaburra III meet tomorrow in a best-of-three match contest.

Gardner 9th in Belgian GP practice

FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium, July 1. (Reuter): A disappointing first practice session in poor weather left Australian world 500cc motorcycle champion Wayne Gardner wondering whether there was still a chance he could win Sunday's Belgian Grand Prix.

The practice session was run in pouring rain and Gardner finished a distant ninth, a blow to his confidence which was finally restored by scoring his first win of the season in the Dutch Grand Prix last week.

Gardner had felt the problems with his hard-handling Honda bike were finally over. But he shook his head in despair when he drove into the pits after today's practice.

"I had carburation problems all along," he said after explaining the erratic behaviour of the bike to his mechanics.

The Australian added that the hilly Francorchamps track was still perilous despite safety work carried out after the cancellation of last year's Grand Prix.

Ahead

"It has improved a bit, but it's still dangerous," he said.

American Suzuki rider Kevin Schwantz, who has already won the races in Japan and West Germany, took provisional pole position, more than one second ahead of France's Christian Sarron, known for his wet-weather skills.

And the Frenchman honoured that reputation by constantly bettering his time as the weather grew worse during the 45-minute session.

World standings leader Eddie Lawson, riding a Yamaha, is currently in this spot ahead of fellow-American Randy Mamola, winner here two years ago.

FIFA ban Mexico for two years

ZURICH, July 1. (Reuter): The International Football Federation (FIFA) yesterday banned Mexico from all international soccer competitions for two years, throwing the Mexicans out of the 1990 World Cup and this year's Seoul Olympics.

FIFA's executive committee imposed the suspension for cheating, after Mexico fielded four over-age players in a qualifying tournament for the World Youth Championship in Guatemala City last April.

Hosted

The ban was the most severe of its sort ever imposed by FIFA, soccer's world governing body.

Mexico, which hosted the last World Cup in 1986, cannot now compete in the qualifying tournaments for the 1990 World Cup in Italy, nor play in this year's Olympic competition for which it had qualified.

Mexico is also banned from the finals of the World Youth Championship in Saudi Arabia, where the vacant place will be taken by the United States, and from the next under-16 championship.

There is no appeal against the ban but Mexico can still play friendly matches and its clubs



Sanchez: says Mexican reaction should not be aggressive

can continue to play internationally, FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni told reporters.

Mexico's representative on the executive committee, Guillermo Canedo, left the meeting while the issue was discussed.

US on verge of staging World Cup

ZURICH, July 1. (Reuter): The prospect of the United States, the one major nation where soccer is still not a principal sport, hosting the World Cup finals was unthinkable just a few years ago.

But on Monday, FIFA, soccer's world governing body, is expected to mark America's Independence Day by awarding the 1994 finals to the United States.

FIFA's 21-man executive committee has to choose between the United States, Brazil and Morocco as hosts for the 1994 tournament. American officials admit to being "quietly confident" about their chances.

Despite its rich soccer tradition, debt-ridden Brazil would face even greater financial

problems by staging a five-week, 24-nation football extravaganza which is what the World Cup has become under FIFA's Brazilian president Joao Havelange.

Havelange, who will not vote in Monday's ballot, is also at loggerheads with Octavio Pinto Guimaraes, president of the Brazilian Football Confederation. Bids have been known to founder on such conflicts in the past.

Vast

Morocco's King Hassan has promised to underwrite much of the cost of staging the World Cup from his own vast personal fortune.

But his country, which made an impression as a rapidly improving soccer nation at the

Chinese clinch basketball title

BEIJING, July 1. (AP): China's national team beat the Soviet national "B" team 82-64 Wednesday to capture an eight-team women's basketball tournament in Wuhan, central China.

Four countries have the infrastructure to accommodate and absorb the massive organisation of a World Cup since the final series was expanded to 24 competing nations in 1982.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Davis Cup

LONDON, July 1. (Reuter): India will be allowed back in the Davis Cup as zonal competitors next year despite their refusal to play Israel in a world group relegation playoff last April, the International Tennis Federation (ITF) announced yesterday.

Organizers fined

LE CASTELLET, France, July 1. (AP): The International AutoSports Federation (FISA) said today the organizers of this year's Paris-Dakar Rally have been fined 600,000 francs (about \$97,000) for violating federation rules.

Sugar Ray

UNITED NATIONS, July 1. (Reuter): Former world welterweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard appealed yesterday for the total isolation of South Africa in the field of professional boxing.

Knee injury

LONDON, July 1. (Reuter): Kahyasi's knee injury, sustained in his last gasp Irish Derby victory at the Curragh on Sunday, is likely to rule him out of the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot on July 23.

Badminton tourney

PERTH, Australia, July 1. (AP): World champion Yang Yang of China heads the entries for the Australian Bicentennial Badminton Open to be held at the Perth Superdome scheduled for July 5-9.

Bettina Bunge

ESSEN, West Germany, July 1. (Reuter): West German tennis player Bettina Bunge was to undergo her second operation in eight days today.

Western Open

OAK BROOK, Ill., July 1. (Reuter): Mark Hayes, Morris Maisky and Brian Mogg all shot six-under par 66 yesterday to share the first round lead at the \$900,000 Western Open golf tournament.

Saudis triumph

MELBOURNE, Australia, July 1. (AP): Saudi Arabia defeated Hong Kong 3-0 in a friendly soccer international competition last night as it continued its preparation for next month's bicentennial Gold Cup tournament.

Former champion

FRANKFURT, West Germany, July 1. (Reuter): The West German Olympic Committee said yesterday it was postponing a decision on whether former Olympic champion weightlifter Karl Heinz Raduschinski should go to Seoul.

Gerard Plessers

HAMBURG, West Germany, July 1. (Reuter): Former Belgian international Gerard Plessers has parted company with his West German club Hamburg SV and will play next season for the Belgian side FC Gent, Hamburg announced yesterday.

West Indies tighten grip in 3rd Test

MANCHESTER, England, July 1. (Reuter): West Indies, with Jeff Dujon and Roger Harper emphasising the depth of their batting, pressed home their advantage against England in the third cricket Test at Old Trafford today.

The touring team fought their way to 242 for five — a lead of 107 — at the close of the second day on which rain and bad light caused several stoppages.

Attempt

Dujon, unbeaten on 35, and Harper, 23 not out, joined forces at 187 for five and put on 55 in an unfinished sixth wicket stand that frustrated England's attempt to stay in contention after being shot out for 135 on Thursday.

West Indies struggled at times on a pitch that offered a degree of turn, and Gordon Greenidge (45), their captain Viv Richards (47) and Gus Logie (39) were each dismissed when looking set for a long innings.

Richards fell to medium-pacer David Capel, having batted in discomfit caused by a sprained wrist, and a slight fever, while debutant left-arm spinner John Childs claimed his first Test wicket by sending back Carl Hooper for 15.

With the innings in the balance, wicketkeeper Dujon and off-spinning all-rounder Harper showed an admirable blend of resolution and aggression that ensured West Indies — 1-0 up in the five-match series —

EDBERG FIGHTS BACK TO OVERCOME MECIR

Navratilova and Graf to clash for crown



Navratilova (left) seeks her ninth Wimbledon title while Graf is bidding to complete the Grand Slam.

Navratilova with a dipping cross-court forehand which clipped the top of the net.

As the 1974, 1976 and 1981 champion turned away to serve, thinking the score was deuce, the linesman at the other end of the court slowly raised his arm to indicate the ball was out and Lumb's announcement of "game, set and match Navratilova" was drowned out by the displeasure of 14,000 spectators.

In the men's semifinals, Edberg, avenging his straight-set defeat by Mecir who beat the ninth seed 4-6 2-6 6-4 6-3 6-4 in three hours 10 minutes to go through to Sunday's final where he will meet either world number one Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia or former champion Boris Becker of West Germany who were meeting in the second semifinal. Their match was delayed by rain.

Edberg is the first Swede to reach the final since Bjorn Borg in 1981 — and on that occasion Borg also won his semifinal from two sets down. He beat Jimmy Connors 6-4 in the fifth but lost the final to John McEnroe having survived one match point at 4-5 in the final set, Evert, 33, saved two more in the 12th game when she came back from 5-6 0-40 to 30-40 then beat David Shepherd.

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The 31-year-old champion, bidding for a ninth Wimbledon singles title to break the record she shares with Helen Wills Moody, left court to the sound of boos aimed at English umpire Richard Lumb and linesman David Shepherd.

Edberg, who had problems getting in his first service, experienced the first worry on his

Tyson has quit boxing: lawyer

NEW YORK, July 1. (UPI): Mike Tyson's lawyer yesterday said the heavyweight champion has retired from boxing, but is continuing legal action to break his contract with his manager in case he returns to the ring.

"Michael told me yesterday, 'I'm retired,' just like he said in the newspaper," Michael Winstan said at a news conference called to discuss Tyson's suit against manager Bill Cayton.

Asked why Tysoo was proceeding with the suit, Winstan said, "We all reserve the right to change our mind."

Tyson, who turned 22 yesterday, was granted a temporary injunction Wednesday stopping any move from his bout with Michael Spinks from going to Cayton, and preventing Cayton from acting as his manager.

The restraining order was granted by judge David H. Edwards, Jr., in New York State Supreme Court, pending a July 5 hearing.

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Register

Roebuck's unbeaten 112 — his first century of the season — contained 14 fours.

Middlesex's Wilf Slack and Robin Smith of Hampshire were two other batsmen to register their first hundred of the season.

Slack showed he had fully recovered from a mystery virus.

He and Jamie Sykes, who made a championship best score of 86, put on 144 for the sixth wicket in 40 overs.

Smith featured prominently in two century partnerships at Gloucester as Hampshire ran up 315 for four declared against Gloucestershire to lead by eight runs on first innings.

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The remaining bowling from Walsh, Winston Benjamin and Curly Ambrose was made to look more threatening than it was by some inept England batting.

David Gower waved his bat outside the off-stump as he has done so frequently to the past and was caught in the slips, the first of Walsh's wickets.

Graham Gooch and Alastair Lamb briefly looked as though might retrieve the situation, Lamb twice in one over straight driving Benjamin to the boundary before, both without scoring.

England were then 14 for two and so in command that Richards could afford to leave most of the remaining work to his younger paceman and give Marsh a rest.

It had looked a good toss to

strengthen the batting, managed only one before Benjamin bowled him.

When Lamb sliced Ambrose straight into the hands of Greenidge after scoring 33, only a patient 24 from Paul Downie prevented England's position being even worse.

Scorboard

ENGLAND: first innings
G. Gooch & Dujon b Benjamin 27
M. Maxwell b Marshall 9
M. Gatting b Marshall 9
D. Gower & Harper b Walsh 9
A. Lamb c Greenidge b Ambrose 33
D. Capel b Benjamin 1
P. Downie c Greenidge b Walsh 24
J. Emburey c Dujon b Walsh 1
P. DeFreitas c Greenidge b Ambrose 15
G. Dilley c Harper b Walsh 14
J. Childs not out 2
Extras (10-4 nb-5) 9
Total (10-4 nb-5) 135

Fall of wickets: 1-12 2-14 3-33 4-55
5-61 6-94 7-99 8-113 9-123

Bowling: Marshall 12-5 19-2, Ambrose 17-5 35-2, Walsh 18-2 44-6
4. Benjamin 13-4 31-2.

WEST INDIES first innings (over-

night four for no wicket) G. Greenidge 45

B. Richardson b Dilley 23

C. Hooper b Childs 15

V. Richards b Capel 47

G. Logie b Dilley 39

J. Dujon not out 35

R. Harper not out 37

Extras (10-4 nb-1) 15

Total (for five wickets) 242

Fall of wickets: 1-35 2-77 3-101 4-

175-5 187

To bat: M. Marshall, W. Benjamin,

C. Ambrose, C. Walsh

Bowling to date Dilley 15-3 50-2,

Emburey 14-4 41-0, DeFreitas 21-2

49-1, Childs 19-6 59-1, Capel 12-2

38-1.

to love lead.

Edberg improved considerably in the third set which he won 6-4 to put himself back in the match.

He saved three break points in the third game and then had a break point himself in the next only to slip as he raced wide to hit a forehand allowing Mecir an open court for his backhand winner.

The next two games went with serve but in the seventh game Edberg survived a crisis which turned the set.

Mecir had three break points at 0-40 but Edberg produced some fine serve and volleying to win the game.

The set continued to go with serve until the 10th game when Mecir was broken for only the second time in the match. He double faulted on the first point, then put two volleys into the net before Edberg clinched the game to love and the set with a forehand service winner.

Superb

Edberg, his morale restored and now in full flow, continued his fight back by taking the next set 6-3 to force a decider.

The Swede displayed his growing confidence by saving break points against him in the third and fifth games.

It was then Mecir's turn to save a break point with a fine serve and volley on his way to winning the sixth game.

As in the third set, the seventh game was the turning point with Edberg saving four break points with some superb serve-and-volleying to take a 4-3 lead.

He secured the decisive first break in the eighth game, Mecir putting a forehand volley over the baseline to give away two break points and Edberg producing a fine lob to take the game.

He served out to love, including two aces, to send the match into a fifth set, a repeat of their first meeting in a Davis Cup tie in April when Edberg won the decider 9-7 having been 3-0 and 4-1 down.

Prost outpaces Senna
for provisional GP pole

compatriot Harvey Postlewaite to the Tyrrell team — could threaten the McLaren pair.

World champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil, powered by the McLaren team, was fifth fastest in his Lotus with Italian Alessandro Nannini sixth and quickest of the normally-aspirated contenders in his Benetton.

British Nigel Mansell, who won this race at the dusty Paul Ricard circuit 20 kilometres inland from the Mediterranean in 1984 and 1987, finished the day seventh quickest, ahead of Belgian Thierry Boutsen in the second Benetton.

For Prost it was a satisfying, if not dramatic day. During the morning's unofficial session he ran into the pits with his engine ablaze due to a fuel leak and an electrical problem.

The damage, however, was not as bad as it looked, though the Frenchman admitted the incident shook him.

"I was a bit worried after the fire this morning," he said. "But the car was fine even without the settings I had used originally in the morning. I just felt more nervous than I would have liked. But it was not a big problem."



World chess champion Garry Kasparov (left) and Anatoly Karpov face off for the 14th-round of the Chess World Cup in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, last night. (Reuter wirephoto)

Richards: hit 47

ended the day firmly in command.

Yesterday Courtney Walsh was the main wicket-taker with four for 46, but it was Malcolm Marshall who set the destruction under way with two wickets in the space of five balls in the morning session.

David Capel, having batted in discomfit caused by a sprained wrist, and a slight fever, while debutant left-arm spinner John Childs claimed his first Test wicket by sending back Carl Hooper for 15.

With 17 victims already under his belt from the first two Tests, Marshall raked England by bowling opener Martyn Moxon and then having Mike Gatting leg before, both without scoring.

But then Gooch, having gra-

fed on 27 from 81 deliveries, chased on outside the off stump to be caught by wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon. David Capel, brought in at the expense of Derek Pringle to

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